

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 20, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:

Clarence Sigurdson  
Dorothy Wootton  
George Fulton, Vice-Chairman  
Trygve Duoos  
Russell Dark, Chairman  
Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

Also present were: Bruce Berney, representing Clatsop County Historical Society; Philippa Mardesich, approved for membership on committee; Hiram C. Johnson, County Commissioner.

It was mentioned that Dave Talbot of the State Parks Department will be in this area on March 6, rather than the January date first mentioned. Before that time Chairman Russell Dark will write to Mr. Talbot, telling him what the Committee would like to have in cooperation from the Parks Department.

George Fulton asked why the county didn't just make a list of these items for marking points of historical interest to discuss with Mr. Talbot when he visits in the area.

MOTION: It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that the minutes of December 16, 1974 be approved as issued. Motion carried.

Military Road: Chairman Russell Dark said we should have a permanent marker out there where the military road crosses highway 26 and out on Leif Erickson Drive in Astoria.

Olney Marker: Bruce Berney attended their meeting last week at Olney Grange, presented our information, and the people were very receptive and mentioned they would work with us. One of the ladies said she will arrange a meeting with Bruce Berney, Buck Olson, and herself. They will send a letter to this committee to say they would be very glad to donate space in their entry hall for a place for us to mount the pictures. Bruce Berney said there apparently are no members of the Olney family around here. Mr. Berney said he was first looking at a small area to one side of the blackboard because it seemed the right size, but the people said they would take the blackboard down for they do not need it any more. This way, they said, we won't be cramped for space.

Marking of Houses: Chairman Russell Dark mentioned to George Fulton the markings of houses in the city. Mr. Fulton said he felt we had agreed that we would try to mark historical places outside of the cities; however, the markings in Astoria did not begin with this committee but when Dr. Harvey chaired the committee we gradually got into this action of marking historical homes with the County Commission agreeing that marking the homes could be something our funds could handle, but nothing beyond that.



George Fulton says we should continue to recommend to the Board of Commissioners and the action of the Board of Commissioners should be the final decision.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned the round house for this railroad. The matter was tabled for the moment.

Decals: Chairman Russell Dark says we should get a ruling from the County Commission before we proceed with the decal situation. Bruce Berney did not have a report on them this month.

Russell Dark reported that the Scandinavian cannery in Alderbrook collapsed this week. The roof had come down, and the walls had spread out.

Columbia River Beneficial Fishermens Society: Chairman Russell Dark sent around, for viewing by the committee members, the original by-laws of the Columbia River Beneficial Fishermens Society. There were 69 charter members. This was filed in the Clerk's records with their incorporation. 53 members signed the charter and the balance of 16 people came in that first week. Mr. Dark mentioned that Thomas Dealy was Secretary of the union and had been City Treasurer previous to that time.

Mr. Dark presented to the committee members the seal of the Astoria Foundry. The owner of this foundry, originally, was an ancestor of George Fulton's. The gentleman's name was Mr. Fox.

First 5 Volumes of Clatsop County's Commissioners Journal: Chairman Russell Dark announced to the members of the committee that County Clerk Don R. Church had planned to be present, but found he could not be, to make a presentation. In his absence, Mr. Dark presented to the Committee copies of the first five volumes of the Commissioners' Journal for Clatsop County. They are and will be located in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, where they are available to anyone wishing to scan through them.

MOTION TWO: It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that we write a letter of thanks to Mr. Church for the gift of these first five volumes of the Commissioners' Journal of Clatsop County. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark asked for new business.

Dorothy Wootton reported that Elizabeth Trullinger Miller had promised Dorothy a copy of Thad Trullinger's Diary, following the Christmas holidays. Miss Wootton doesn't know just when we will receive them, but obviously it shouldn't be too long.

Bruce Berney reported that there is an author in New York compiling a guide to historical sites, which have to do with famous women. She wrote to Mr. Berney and asked about some women she already knew about. One of them is Celiast Smith, with the historical site, the grave; however, if we could get the Smith home marked, Mr. Berney would like to pass on that information to the lady.

Another name is that of Dr. Bethena Owens Adair. Mr. Berney says the Clatsop



County Historical Society has set up a fund for placing a stone marker on Dr. Adair's grave. There is no grave marker there for any tourist to look at. Mr. Berney had to promise something by the time the book is finished so hopes the county cemetery committee will allow at least something to be seen by visitors.

The third person is Mrs. Narcissa Kinney (Marshall J. Kinney). Mrs. Kinney lived in the Boelling home where Leon Erickson lives now.

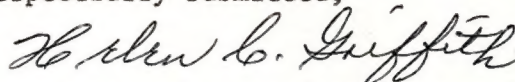
Chairman Russell Dark mentioned Moses Rogers, who settled in Astoria in 1850. He married Mina Boelling and they homesteaded out on the Lewis & Clark.

Trygve Duoos read an amusing comment from the bylaws of the Fishermens' Society. The manuscript was really quite interesting for the members of the committee to see.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned that at the current time he is writing an article on the sea serpent which was supposed to have been seen just West of Astoria and at other spots in the Northwest.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting at this time, Bruce Berney moved that we adjourn, to meet again in February.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith".

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:

Bill Foster  
Bill Puustinen  
Russell Bristow  
Philippa Mardesich  
Carl Labiske  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Arthur Dempsie  
Fred Andrus  
George Fulton, - Vice-Chairman  
Chairman Russell Dark  
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Secretary Helen C. Griffith.

A correction was made in the December 16 minutes by Margaret Green. On the 4th paragraph of Page 3, the last portion of the second sentence should read "and Mrs. Ahrens now lives there" rather than "and Mrs. Ahrens still lives there".

There being no objections or additions to the minutes of the January 20, 1975 meeting they were accepted as presented.

Russell Dark read the copy of letter which he had written to Don Church, County Clerk, as thanks from this committee for his providing of the Commissioners Journal.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned to the membership he had received a letter, expressing complete cooperation of the Olney Grange, in preparation for the presentation by the committee.

Also reported by Chairman Dark was the fact that the A.A.U.W. were in the process of compiling a manuscript of resource people on historical matters.

It was reported that Bruce Berney had written a letter to Excel Services, asking that they instruct all their drivers to look out for all historical documents which might be dropped at the Astoria dump.

Mr. Dark reported that following the last meeting he appeared before the County Commission and asked them to clarify their stand on marking old houses.

It was moved by Arthur Dempsie and seconded by Bill Foster that the current historical signs be corrected and that further signed in the City of Astoria or in the balance of the county not be allowed unless passed upon by the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee, with recommendations then presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried.

Russell Bristow stated that one of the signs at the Westport Tunnel is down and needs to be replaced.

The secretary reported that Jack Sutfin was unable to attend the meeting this evening, having just returned home from a stay in the hospital; however, Mr. Sutfin did say that the home near the Westport Tunnell is presently occupied by a minister and his family, and they have been dumping garbage again on to the State property. Commissioner Johnson will discuss the matter with county roadmaster John Dooley.



There was a rather lengthy discussion held on 'what is an historical home'. Chairman Russell Dark says there should be specifications. These houses should carry some specific date for consideration as to whether it was an historical home. It was felt, generally, that there was some question as to some of the homes marked.

Chairman Dark reported on the Military Road, telling the committee that the County Commissioners adopted said road as a County Road on April 6, 1869. Mr. Dark mentioned the matter to the Commissioners and got little or no action, but expects that the County will probably vacate it at some future time. According to Carl Labiske you can walk the military road from the Little Walluski to the Big Walluski.

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill Foster that buildings, to be considered historical and eligible for marking, must have been constructed in the year 1895 or previous to that date. Motion carried.

(There is a reference to eligible buildings in the minutes of 1/15/68.) The foregoing motion is to stand, unless there is something to the contrary in the State Law.

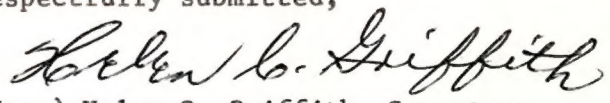
It was reported that the Indian village, Konapee, where Lewis and Clark spent some time before they built Fort Clatsop, is on the Eben Carruthers property at Tansy Point. A marker for this spot was discussed, with Russell Dark feeling that Mr. Carruthers would not object to such a marker. This is the spot where Mr. Carruthers plans to have a park. It was at this village where Chief Coboway lived.

Chairman Russell Dark asked if the members know of any old houses out in the Nehalem Valley area. One home, that was mentioned, the Jamison place, is near the Elk Refuge and is still standing. It was owned by the Engbretson family. George Fulton asked if Jamison wasn't the one who had the stage from Astoria to Jewell. Others agreed this was so; they used to stop at the house in question, during the trip.

Carl Labiske asked that inclusion in the program be a marker placed where the Labiske road and Military Road cross.

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill Foster, that there being no further business, the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 17, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon; called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:

Carl Labiske  
Fred Andrus  
Bill Foster  
Arthur Dempsie  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Ned Thorndike  
Hiram C. Johnson  
Philippa Mardesich  
Helen C. Griffith.

Chairman Russell Dark brought up the matter of some old business with reference to the Westport Tunnel and garbage being thrown onto the property . Both the Sheriff's office and the State Police were contacted and as he understand it, the Sheriff will have the people who dumped the garbage, remove it. The intent is to keep an eye on the matter now and keep the garbage out of there.

With reference to the old houses. 36 houses have been located, which have been marked. Dr. Harvey had reported that he had no record of how many houses had been marked and neither did Arvid Wuonola.

Clarence Sigurdson again mentioned the old Gilbert house in Seaside, which should be marked. It was built in 1885, according to Mrs. Ludwig.

Chairman Dark said there are approximately 97 houses which would meet the requirements for marking, but he hasn't had an opportunity to go through the records as yet.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that the old Callie Munson home should be painted. Mr. Munson was the Mayor of Warrenton at one time.

Chairman Dark mentioned a problem. The Historical Advisory Committee account shows a little over \$1100.00 in the account and this will disappear with the close of the fiscal year. Mr. Dark suggested we put up permanent markers at some of the places mentioned for marking and felt we could do this in native stone, with Dick Thompson chiseling a short legend on each.

Fred Andrus reported that Mrs. Fox, of Hammond, had contacted him, saying that bulldozing was going on near the old Solomon Smith place on the West side of Smith Lake. It seems that the Hammond Garden Club had put a marker there some years ago but it had since disappeared. Mr. Andrus said he had called Hiram Johnson, who checked into the matter, and stopped the work. The property near there was owned by John Osborn, and Bud Darling was removing the top soil. County Commission stopped this operation.



Mr. Dark suggested marking old paper mill site out at the falls and possibly one or both of the shipyards.

Fred Andrus said old 1855 map in road department shows the buildings on the Solomon Smith place.

Margaret Green mentioned the 4 county marker again, asking if the Commissioners should be asked to spend some of the money on these markers.

MOTION: It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by Fred Andrus that this committee recommends the expending of some of the available funds in the Advisory Committee account to place native stone markers on some of the historical spots in Clatsop County. Motion carried.

Bill Foster asked about the fire marker, suggesting that since the Montgomery Ward Company is doing some landscaping in preparation for opening their new store at 11th and Duane Streets, that perhaps this might be a good spot for the fire marker.

With reference to sites to be permanently marked, Chairman Russell Dark said he will look about and find out how much it will cost us and report back to the next meeting.

Mr. Dark reported locating some old pictures, including early ones of George Flavel and Jackson Hustler and Hustler's house and others. Mr. Dark thought it would be nice to have copies of those made. Hiram Johnson had suggested we should have a row of old photos of the area in the lobby of the Court House. Mr. Dark says he could get them for \$20.00.

MOTION: It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that we recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the old photos be copied for the flat sum of \$20.00. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark said he would see to this matter of the pictures being cared for.

Mr. Dark mentioned a "Letter to the Editor in the Open Forum" he had sent to the Daily Astorian and was printed in the issue of March 17, 1975.

A general discussion was held on the Lattie family. One member was listed in the census as being a slave.

Mr. Dark reported carrying on a correspondence for the past month with a young man by the name of Wayne Jensen from Tillamook, on historical matters. Also he had received a letter from the Oregon Historical Society signed by Greg McCroskey, Assistant Librarian, thanking Mr. Dark for the list of bar pilots forwarded to them recently.

Chairman Dark said the Astoria City Manager made a survey of 48 of our prominent buildings with an eye to tearing them down. They are listed and possible cost of demolition. Leading the list is the J.J.Astor Hotel. Some of the others are 15 houses in Dogpatch, some homes in Alderbrook, including the Anderson Cannery. Total cost of demolition is \$90,000. Bill Foster says this does not get away from the money



owed to Clatsop County. Included in this list is the State Hotel and the old U.S. bank Building. Mr. Dark is going over to the City Hall in the morning to check over the list to see if there are any our committee would be interested in, possibly.

Mr. Dark asked about the Elmore Apartments, wondering if it is covered under the date set by this committee for marking of buildings.

Ned Thorndike was welcomed by the committee. He has been unable to attend for some time, due to ill health.

The Chairman reported that the secretary to the Advisory Committee has been designated as an Historical Resource Person.

Dorothy Wootton said she and Margaret Green had thought <sup>Roger</sup>(Robert) Tetlow would be a good person to invite into membership of this committee. A short discussion was held, with the consensus being that he appeared to be an interested individual in the history of Clatsop County.

It was mentioned that the old George Sanborn home should be marked. The matter will be checked into further.

The bench marks in this area were again brought before the membership. Albert Prael and Arthur Dempsie put in these bench marks. Mr. Dempsie told, also, about the old post office which had been made of native stone. There were little markers on that building, from which the bench marks proceeded. Mr. Dempsie says you will notice these markers in the sidewalk every once in a while.

Hiram Johnson asked if Russell Dark was going to call on Montgomery Wards with reference to putting the fire marker in that area, and also suggested that the Weinhard Portals be placed in the library parking lot - up against the wall of the Elks Lodge. Mr. Dark will look into the matter further.

Philippa Mardesich said she had good news. The Joseph Knowles paintings are back in Astoria - given to Clatsop County Historical Society by the head office of the bank. There are five paintings. They are trying to place a value on them, but it will take some doing. Bill Foster says that Bruce Berney, the librarian, would like to have two or three of these paintings hanging over there at the library.

Mention was made that when Thiel's Restaurant was renovated and new owners took occupancy, the pictures that had hung on the walls had been removed. Mr. Dark will ask the new owner what happened to the pictures when the restaurant was remodeled.

There being no further business, it was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill Foster that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 21, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon; called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:

Fred Andrus  
Russell Bristow  
Ned Thorndike  
Arthur Dempsie  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Sam Foster  
Russell Dark  
George Fulton  
Helen C. Griffith

Also in attendance were Philippa Mardesich and Mrs. Dark.

The minutes of the March, 1975 meeting were discussed = with one correction to be made. Where the minutes show Robert Tetlow, they should read Roger Tetlow. There being no other corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned that Hiram Johnson hasn't been able to get away as yet to go to the granite quarry, but will get to it soon.

Chairman Dark reported that the pictures, which had been authorized for printing, have been printed (about 25 of them) and they are hanging in the library.

Chairman Dark talked with Mrs. Gault. They are revising the walking tour material. It is Mr. Dark's understanding that they are going to put out a booklet relative to the history of the area.

Our chairman attended the meeting of the Memorial Museum Committee in Seaside this past month, and invited the committee to attend on of our meetings.

THE ASTORIA FIRE MARKER:

THE Historical Advisory Committee can put up a placque anytime we want to on Montgomery Ward property. The chairman asked for any suggestions as to what type of marker could be prepared. A general discussion followed on the type of marker which might be used; however, we were reminded that Bill Foster and George Fulton were the original committee members who worked on the fire marker, along with Dick Thompson of the Astoria Granite Works. George Fulton will check with Dick Thompson as to the possibility of a new design for the marker, for Mr. Fulton said they had felt the one which had been originally decided upon was not quite what they would liked to have seen used for the marker.

Chairman Russell Dark introduced Sam Foster, who reported on the trip to Salt Lake City, Utah regarding the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Historic District Preservation was the title given and it was a workshop. Mr. Foster explained that areas that are set aside as historic districts must be attractive. He mentioned that when a district is being formed it must be zoned and hearings must be held. Everything should be public - not kept secret. There should be enough area set aside to protect the district from encroachment. There is no money involved, except perhaps some federal money. The public has control of these areas. Regarding publicity get people who are interested in the history of the country, family members, if possible, of historic spots. Convince the people they should repair their homes and restore them to their former look and condition. These days it is cheaper to repair a home than to build one. There is a state preservation officer who is trained to put these things together, if we are interested.



Mr. Foster mentioned the Tucson Historical District, 701 Planning Assistance, Federal Grant Assistance, and said that we should be aware of what we have and be enthusiastic about it.

Chairman Russell Dark said it seemed to him that it would first have to come through the City, who would have to pass an ordinance. Mr. Sam Foster said that first it has to come from the desire of the people.

Sam Foster mentioned that the lower portion of print on one sign by the highway regarding the tunnel at Westport should be repainted as it is fading.

It was mentioned that Deskin Bergey's committee is at a standstill at the present time. When a decision is made about the hospital, and when they will move, the committee can then proceed with their program.

Dorothy Wootton says the little house on 16th and Grand, which was marked as a home for the sisters, is incorrect. The sisters never did live there.

George Fulton said from the attitude of the citizenry of the City of Astoria at the present moment it probably wouldn't succeed but we can still work at it. A general discussion followed on the possibilities involved for providing such districts.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that Mrs. Sanborn has given permission to mark the Sanborn House. Ed's marker is not quite correct.

With reference to the Devlin House, which is owned by Arvid Larson, it has been marked, but someone swiped the marker. There is a new marker ready to be placed there.

It was suggested that if there is not now a marker on the Clatsop County Historical Museum (Flavel House), one should be placed there.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that the Brenham Van Dusen home on 17th and Franklin should be marked.

Russell Bristow asked how old a house needed to be before it can be marked. 1895 is the year to use as the deadline date.

Fred Andrus suggested that a committee of three people inspect each house suggested for marking. Chairman Russell Dark promptly appointed Fred Andrus to such a committee and suggested that Fred Andrus be chairman, but he declined. Mr. Andrus said he would work on the committee, but not be chairman.

Mention was made of the pictures which used to hang at Thiel's Restaurant. George Fulton understood that they had tried to clean some of them up and they didn't clean very well. Mr. Fulton thinks they are in the basement of the restaurant.

Arthur Dempsie asked about the glass plates from Woodfields. Ed Ross has many of them. Elizabeth Miller (Mrs. Arthur) has some of the plates also. Ed Ross says he would be happy to take these plates off her hands. Dorothy Wootton says she has heard nothing further from Mrs. Miller.

Fred Andrus reported that Mrs. Fox, from Hammond, called him with reference to cutting down the old tree at Cannon Beach. It is desirable, if they are going to do that that the wood be saved and something made of it for preservation. Mrs. Fox said the Hammond Garden Club is quite concerned over this matter.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that the trees around the Presbyterian Church on the plains are Cedars of Lebanon.



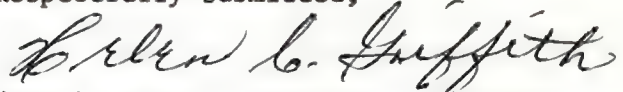
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April 21, 1975

There being nothing further to come before the meeting at this time, Philippa Mardesich moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 19, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were: Ned Thorndike  
Bill Foster  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
George Fulton  
Russell Dark  
Dr. Ed Harvey  
Helen C. Griffith,  
Clarence Sigurdson.

Also in attendance were Philippa Mardesich, Mrs. Russell Dark, Dick Thompson of Astoria Granite Works, John Yaskovic (a visitor), and Peter G. Cosovich, Chairman of the local Bi-Centennial Committee.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that the April 21 minutes should be corrected in that Mrs. Miller should be shown as Mrs. Earl Miller, rather than Mrs. Arthur Miller. There being no other corrections, the minutes stand approved as corrected.

Peter G. Cosovich, Chairman of the local committee on the Bi-Centennial, appeared before our committee and shared some of the plans for the coming year. One item, prepared by the American Legion, for sale to interested people, are patches to be worn on jackets or shirts. These are the eagle, with crossed flags, the liberty bell, and the olive branch, with the years 1776-1976 and Let Freedom Ring!, as well as '200', being inscribed on the patch. This is a small replica of the mural placed on the wall (outdoors) of the American Legion building on 11th and Exchange Streets, where appropriate ceremony was conducted at the time of installation.

Mr. Cosovich mentioned a replica of the Tonkin for the Columbia River Maritime Museum. \$600 has been set aside for the repair of the Astoria Column and they are working on some other projects to come along. There should be some improvements on Fort George and Custom House markers. The background painting for the Fort is peeling and needs to be redone and the marker for the Custom House needs cleaning and the trees and grounds in the area need trimming. It is slow and takes money, but it should be accomplished.

The cost of the mural on the Legion building is completely paid. Harold Dahlgren designed the mural and put up one-half the cost and the state paid the balance. They also have match books with the emblem on them.

Philippa Mardesich asked what has been done, aside from these things, toward a planned celebration for the Bi-Centennial for 1976. Mr. Cosovich said that nothing of this nature has been planned, as yet, but they are trying to get the Scandinavian Festival to carry out this theme. Philippa Mardesich also asked if the Regatta would carry out this theme. Mr. Cosovich asked if anyone had any suggestions, for he would surely welcome them.



Mr. Cosovich also mentioned that Fort Stevens restoration is to be carried out by a group from Salem.

Ivy Jackson put on a food sale sometime back and they have \$90.00 on the books, Mr. Cosovich said, toward coming Bi-Centennial expenses. Chairman Russell Dark thanked Mr. Cosovich for his presentation.

Chairman Russell Dark said that Arthur Dumpsie is away at the present time so could not be with us.

MOTION 1:

It was moved and seconded that this committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that they allow \$20.00 to Mr. Russell Dark for the purchase of sensitive paper that the pictures might be made for the lobby of the Court House. Motion carried.  
Astoria Fire Marker:

Chairman Russell Dark reported receiving a letter from Reynold C. Johnson of Walnut Creek, California, whereby permission was granted for erection of the Astoria Fire marker at 11th and Duane Streets on Montgomery Ward property.

At this point Dick Thompson said that he sees no place at the **Montgomery Ward** corner where a marker might be placed. Dick says that as it is now, with the suggestion of using this corner, his firm would rather not be involved in placing such marker. It would not be a very good spot for showing. Mr. Thompson said he could not see why we don't use the City property at 9th and Exchange Streets, where the shrubbery is growing nicely and would enhance the monument. Mr. Thompson said they could get some rock from the same quarry where the other monuments are to be obtained.

Chairman Russell Dark asked all the members of the advisory committee to check out the corner of 11th and Duane at Montgomery Ward and 9th and Exchange, N.E. corner, near the U. S. National Bank and come back next month with a suggestion as to what site should be accepted.

Referring to Sam Foster's report, Russell Dark has written to Tucson, but has, as yet, heard nothing.

Chairman Russell Dark said there are about six places to be marked with the rock monuments, besides the fire marker. Dick Thompson explained what could be done if all rock is obtained at once and then they can figure on a regular basis, what can be done to serve the county most economically. There followed a short discussion on the manner of preparation of the rock markers.

Dorothy Wootton expressed the appreciation of the neighborhood for the work Thompson's Astoria Granite Works did in restoring the stone markers at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Russell Dark brought up the names of the early pioneers for recognition, such as Shively, McClure, Adair, Solomon Smith, Hustler, Judge Frank Taylor, A. B. Hammond, Samuel T. McKean, Sam Elmore, and Cyrus Olney.



It was mentioned that the Van Dusen home cannot be marked because it has been changed so much. The siding is not good.

Clarence Sigurdson talked with Ed Harvey about the Pease home in Warrenton. Mr. Sigurdson reported to Ed Harvey that the place has been fixed up so the sign should stay on the building.

Chairman Russell Dark again mentioned that a marker should be placed at Lexington, the first county seat. Clarence Sigurdson said 'old man Bowers' at Sunset Beach tore down the old town hall. Chairman Russell Dark mentioned that the first County Court meeting was held in a private home in Lexington. The County Seat moved to Astoria September 2, 1850, from Lexington, according to Mr. Dark.

Chairman Russell Dark asked those present if there were other historical sites which should be marked.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned the Fred Ludwig home in Seaside. This home was built by Alex Gilbert in the 1880's. Ed Harvey says he will go and check on the Ludwig home.

Dorothy Wootton suggested marking the Fertig home, possibly, and thought perhaps Emily Fertig might be approached with the marking of her home in mind. During Arthur Fertig's life, it was not marked, because he did not wish the public to approach the property.

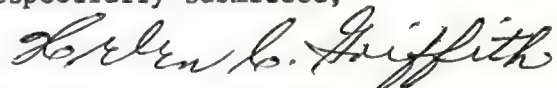
Also, the question was asked whether the Flavel House and the Fulton home had been considered for marking.

MOTION 2:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Margaret Green that a marker be placed at Lexington, the site of the first Clatsop Court House. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Bill Foster moved that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 16, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were: George Fulton  
Fred Andrus  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Bill Foster  
Arthur Dempsie  
Russell Dark  
Trygve Duoos  
Hiram C. Johnson  
Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance were Philippa Mardesich, Mrs. Russell Dark, Fannie Dempsie, and Sig Grimm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Arthur Dempsie announced he and his wife are moving away from Astoria. They will be living in a trailer park in Beaverton, near Frances. (At a later date, Arthur Dempsie dropped by the office to say 'hello' and left their address for all of us on the committee: Arthur S. and Frances M. Dempsie, Mobilodge, Space 12, 14385 S. W. Jenkins Road, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. Anyone going to Portland, do drop by to greet them.)

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned that Robert Sturgeon McEwan was appointed the first Clerk of Clatsop County, with authority to fill all other county offices, with December 1, 1851 being the first meeting of the County Commission, held in the McEwan home in Lexington. Mr. Dark will check into a spot to place a marker at Lexington.

Mr. Dark announced the completion of a portion of the pictures to be hung in the Court House lobby, and presented some of them tonight. They will be finished next week.

George Fulton reported going to Cook Creek, finding some native rock of various sizes. A small sample of the stone, polished, was shown tonight. Dick



Thompson had polished and marked one side for the committee to view. This is granite and Hiram Johnson has obtained permission from the State to extract it, a copy of which permit is included herewith as a part of the record. The size of the boulders, estimated, with the weight, amount to approximately seven tons.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that there was a plan afoot to destroy the control tower on the hill across from the golf course. The Army would blast it out of there, but the base columns, Hiram Johnson feels, we should preserve.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Trygve Duoos that we preserve any part of the pillars and tower, on the hill across from the Astoria Golf and Country Club, which could be preserved. Motion carried.

Mr. Dark mentioned that he learned this week that the D. K. Warren House is for sale. He hasn't obtained a price out of Marshall Leathers as yet. They are willing to sell the house and one acre separately.

There is an historic preservation fund which could be used, if we could find someone to take care of 25% of the funds needed. If anyone has ideas, come forth soon for Marshall is interested in disposing of the property.

Fred Andrus said that John Osburn had talked with him about the Warren home and possibly turning it into a restaurant or something, but John has not said anything further.

Russell Dark felt that perhaps the school children of Warrenton might come up with some funds for maintenance of the home, if someone could come up with the initial cost of preservation.

The matter of the Ludwig home in Seaside was brought up. This is the old Alex Gilbert home. A granddaughter of Alex Gilbert, Kathleen McConkey Kulland, told what had happened to her grandfather's home through the years, also mentioning that the home architecture had not changed. All that was different about the property was the building, on the back of the property, which had been erected in recent years.



This information was received from Mrs. Kulland by Helen Griffith, through a telephone conversation.

In discussing the matter of the stone markers, the question came up as to how much remained in the county funds, which could be drawn on for furthering the work of marking the rock. There proved to be a balance of \$1,146.39.

MOTION #2:

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Fred Andrus that we appropriate at this time the balance of this account to obtain the granite stones, which will be used in the markers to be prepared, as well as for the preparation of the stones. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson mentioned that there will be a meeting very shortly on the blocked road to the Peter Iredale. Warren Gaskill of the State says there will be a hearing very soon on this matter. The City of Warrenton is very unhappy about the matter, said Mr. Dark. They want it opened up right away in order that the fire trucks can get through in the event of a fire in the area. The situation is very bad as it stands now.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that we endorse Dr. Harvey's suggestion for the appointment of Sam Foster as Chairman of the Clatsop County Bi-Centennial Committee. Motion carried.

MOTION #4:

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Fred Andrus that we recess for the summer months, meeting again in the fall, subject to the call of the Chairman. Motion carried.

The much discussed house on 14th and Franklin in Astoria, which belonged to Enola Hughes, had been erroneously marked. George Fulton suggested the sign be removed, and Philippa Mardesich said she went by there Saturday night and it was gone.



Arthur Dempsie said he had a 'hot flash'. The bridge where Highway 101 hits the Astoria Bridge is the merging point of Highway 30 and Highway 26, and it is merging with Highway 101. Mr. Dempsie feels this should be marked.

It was mentioned, also, there should be markings of the 4 county corner and the Black Bridge. It was suggested that Dave Talbot be asked to come down so he can see these spots and give us some idea of what help the State can give us.

There being nothing further to come before the committee at this time, the meeting adjourned, to meet again in the fall or at the call of the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 20, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were: Fred Andrus  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Russell Dark  
Philippa Mardesich  
Bill Foster  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Helen C. Griffith.

Chairman Russell Dark announced that Dick Thompson was unable to make the meeting, as some of his family carried off the movie projector and he was unable to locate another in time for the meeting. He will try to make the November meeting.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned the gathering of information with reference to historical spots to be placed on an historical map of the county. Mr. Dark asked the members to look over the copy he presented for the viewing of the membership, think of these points, and add any Mr. Dark might have left off.

Fred Andrus reported on the visit to Cook Creek to excavate granite rock for markers. A couple of people from Cannon Beach went along, as well as Hiram Johnson, Dick Thompson, and members of the county road crew helped to bring in the pieces they chose. A general discussion was held on these various spots. It is understood by Mr. Dark that the County will assist when it is time to put the map together.

The granite will be taken to Washington for cutting by the Thompsons.

Chairman Russell Dark said he had talked with Dave Talbot on the 4 corners site, asking if they would help with this marker and he says they will.

Mr. Talbot had told Sam Foster that all markers that the state assists with must be made of metal. Mr. Dark will find out more about this matter from Mr. Talbot.

Clatsop County Counsel W. Louis Larson told Mr. Dark that it will be legal for our committee to publish a map.



MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that this committee proceed with preparation of an historical map of Clatsop County. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Bill Foster that a communication be sent to the members noting their nonattendance, asking for an answer as to whether they wish to serve in an advisory or active capacity, and if they do not wish to serve, stating that replacement will be made. Motion carried.

It was suggested by Clarence Sigurdson that Kathleen Kulland be contacted for membership on this committee.

Chairman Russell Dark showed the housing area at Fort Stevens - in the form of a map which had been reproduced. Mr. Dark showed some of the pictures he had had reproduced, for hanging in the Courthouse lobby.

Mr. Dark reported that old Shark Rock was excavated from 13th and Exchange Streets where the C & C Body Shop stands.

A general discussion was held on old homes and pictures in Astoria.

This evening is the time set for election of officers for the ensuing year.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Bill Foster that Russell Dark be nominated to succeed himself for another year as Chairman of this committee. The motion carried. A unanimous decision for Russell Dark as Chairman of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee for the ensuing year was reached upon motion of Fred Andrus.

MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Fred Andrus that this committee mark the old Alex Gilbert home in Seaside. Motion carried.

Dorothy Wootton reported the old Leola Ball home is now occupied by a young couple and they are in the process of cleaning and decorating it. It is really going to be lovely when it is finished.

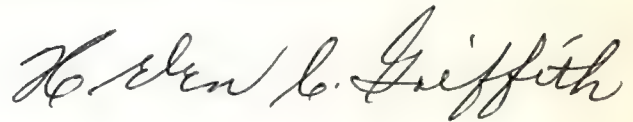


Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that two houses South of the Foster home is the old Ethel Gunderson home in Seaside. This home is worthy of consideration for marking.

MOTION NO. 5:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill Foster that there being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

Most businesses open

## Only U.S. offices open Tues.

All state, county and city offices and all public and private schools, including Clatsop College, will be closed Tuesday for Veterans Day.

However, all federal offices will be open as the federal government recognizes Oct. 27 as Veterans Day. Mail will be delivered and the Tongue Point Job Corps Center will conduct classes Tuesday.

Few businesses other than financial institutions will close for Oregon's Veterans Day.

Oregon is one of 46 states that honors its veterans on Nov. 11. The federal government will revert back to the Nov. 11 date, too, in 1978 after encountering criticism of its decision to honor veterans on the fourth Monday in October instead.

Prior to 1968, the federal government and all state governments recognized Nov. 11 as Veterans Day.

Astoria residents are reminded that the city dump will be closed Tuesday along with all other municipal operations.

Seaside and Warrenton will join Astoria in ceasing

municipal operations of all sorts Tuesday.

A number of Veterans Day observances are planned Tuesday by local organizations in honor of the men who have served their country in combat over the years.

Church bells will be rung at 11 a.m. to commemorate the signing of the World War I armistice Nov. 11, 1918.

Businesses will be closed between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. so employees can attend a courthouse ceremony at which Clatsop County will be acclaimed a Bicentennial community.

The noon courthouse ceremony will feature a parade of people carrying flags down Commercial, the raising of the Bicentennial flag on the courthouse flagpole by a Coast Guard color guard and the presentation of plaques and certificates attesting to the county's official Bicentennial status.

Local lodges and civic organizations will be conducting other ceremonies in addition to participating in the main one at the courthouse, which organizers hope will attract as many as 3,000 people.

*The Daily Astorian  
November 10, 1975*



### ATTENTION 1975 VETERAN'S DAY BICENTENNIAL FLAG PRESENTATION at the

### CLATSOP COUNTY COURTHOUSE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 12:00 Noon

All Patriotic, Fraternal, Social, College  
and Schools of the Entire County Are  
Invited and Urged to Attend With  
Their Colors and Flags

*Ad in Daily Astorian  
November 10, 1975*

Clatsop Post 12 American Legion



# '76/ County officially bicentennial community

By MIKE ARCHBOLD  
Of The Daily Astorian

"A great county joins a great country for a birthday celebration," Clatsop County Bicentennial Committee chairman Sam Foster proclaimed from the steps of the county courthouse Tuesday.

With that declaration, the nation's Bicentennial flag was run up the

courthouse flagpole where it will fly everyday until Dec. 31, 1976.

The ceremony was part of the traditional Veterans' Day celebration to remember the Armistice ending World War I.

It was a fitting union as the county embarks on its plans for remembering its history.

A small crowd gathered under partially cloudy skies, carrying American flags and pennants of various veteran organizations. There was music, the pledge of allegiance, singing of the national anthem and brief speeches calling for rededication to America's ideals during the year-long 200th birthday celebration.

Dr. Edward Harvey of Astoria, a member of the Oregon American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, presented the flag and a certificate recognizing the county's Bicentennial plans to County Commissioner Hiram Johnson.

Harvey called on the people present to pause and rededicate themselves during the next year to "our American cause."

Rev. Paul Hatt of the Lewis and Clark Bible Church gave the invocation and thanked God for the foresight and minds of America's founding fathers who began our country.

He also urged everyone to remember that God has made America "the greatest nation on earth" which will continue as long as God remains our leader.

Clatsop County joins with the rest of the counties in the state to begin its own series of Bicentennial projects during the coming year. The designation as an official Bicentennial community means Clatsop County's list of commemorative projects has been approved.

Noting that Clatsop County is "rich with the history of a developing country," Foster said his committee is "pledged to promoting more awareness of that history."

Among the projects outlined by Foster were a colorful pageant that will re-enact the Boston Tea Party, lighting of the Seaside Salt Cairn, a reunion of

ex-servicemen and a two or three-day history symposium culminated by a walk over historic Tillamook Head.

Those are but a few of the more than dozen projects outlined by the local committee to "make local history live."

Ed Niska was the Master of Ceremonies.



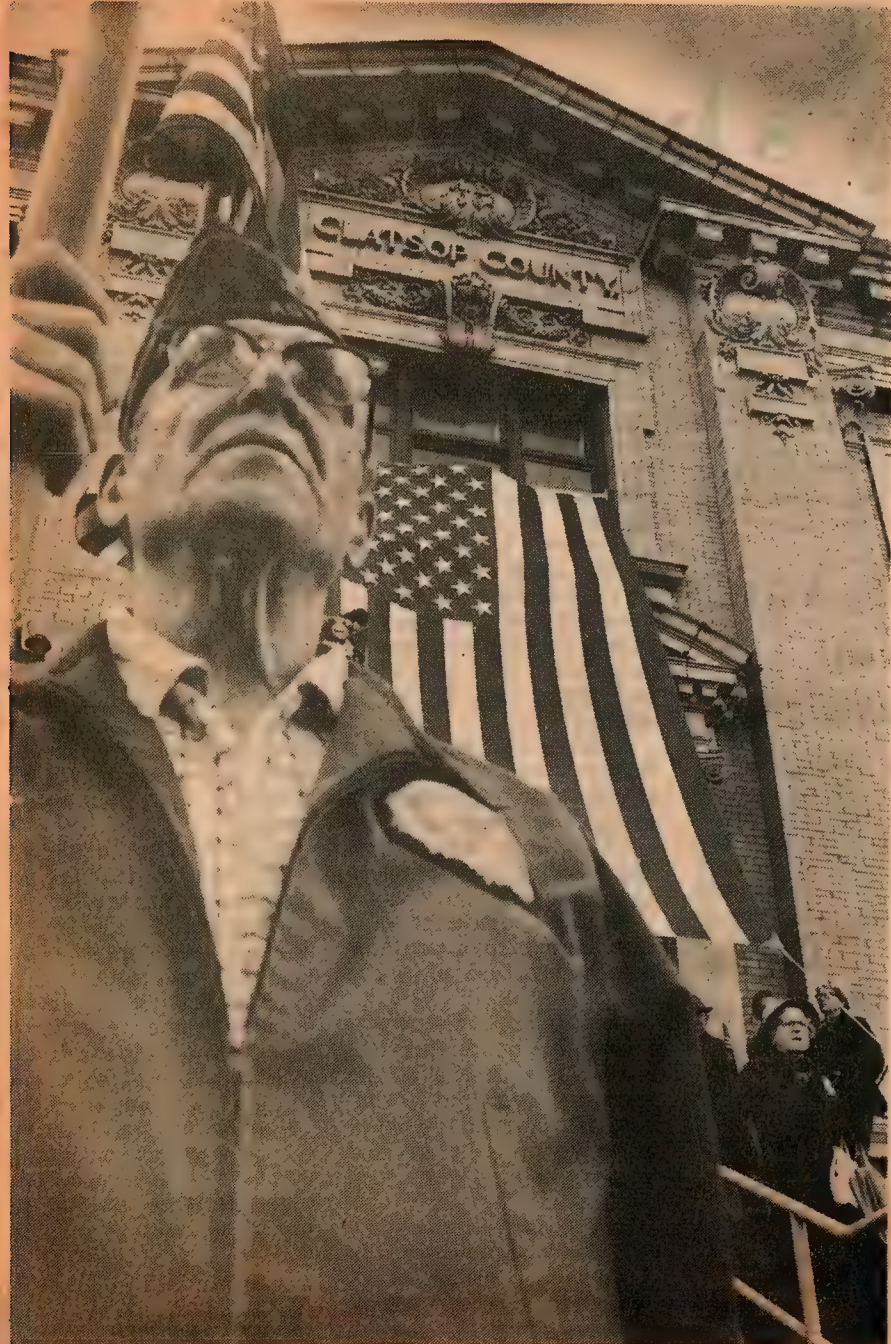
Coast Guard color guard hoists flag.

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Flag salute to veterans.

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Daily Astorian—JOHN THOMPSON  
Dr. Edward Harvey, right, presents Bicentennial flag to Clatsop Commissioner Hiram Johnson.



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## Clatsop County Bicentennial District

Clatsop county became an official Bicentennial district Tuesday as the flag representing the nation's 200th birthday was raised on the court house flagpole while

flag-bearing spectators looked on.

The emblem was presented to County Commissioner Hiram Johnson by Dr. Edward Harvey, Clatsop county member of the State Bicentennial commission, as they stood on the court house steps beneath a huge American flag which draped the front of the building.

Observance of the occasion was arranged by the county Bicentennial committee under the chairmanship of Sam Foster, Seaside, with the participation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and other patriotic groups.

More than 50 large flags held by members of veteran groups and their auxiliaries waved in the clearing air during the ceremony while dozens of smaller flags were carried by children as a Coast Guard team hoisted the Bicentennial banner to the winds.

Participating in the rites were members of Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish lodges with Ed Niska acting as master of ceremonies.

The Bicentennial banner will fly from the courthouse staff until the end of next year.

## Veterans Day 1975



Fred Andrus was asked to talk with Dave Talbot when he is in the area November 19-20.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned his report on the old records from the Gray Memorial in the possession of Mrs. Moore, who lives in Corvallis. The original map of the Pioneer Cemetery is at San Anselmo Seminary near San Francisco, California. Mrs. Moore's first name is not known by Mr. Dark at present.

It was mentioned that much of the lumber used in the rebuilding of the U. S. S. Constitution came from Westport.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted to our congressmen, urging them to pass the necessary legislation to direct the U. S. Navy to make the necessary arrangements so the U. S. S. Constitution will make the trip around the periphery of the United States.

It was announced that Dick Thompson is unable to be present at tonight's meeting, due to the involvement in personal business.

It was moved by Fred Andrus that there being nothing further to come before the committee the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 15, 1975

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were: Bill Foster  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Fred Andrus  
Carl Labiske  
Ted Stokes  
Philippa Mardesich  
Mrs. Russell Dark  
Russell Dark  
Dick Thompson  
Helen C. Griffith.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill foster that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as issued. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the Alex Gilbert marker. The house was built in 1880 according to Mr. Ludwig and the Assessor's records. Mr. Dark is preparing the legend which Mr. Wuonola will print when prepared.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the county historical map being prepared. When it is completed a copy will be provided for Sam Foster before the three day Bi-Centennial celebration in Seaside.

Russell Dark talked with Dave Talbot who says probably they can put up markers at either end of the Military road.

At this point Chairman Russell Dark presented Dick Thompson of the Astoria Granite Works, who discussed, with the members, the marker for the Astoria Fires of 1883 and 1922. Mr. Thompson talked of the stone and its preparation. There will soon be a bill presented for some of the labor involved since there is quite a bit of expense in connection with same. Mr. Thompson explained how granite is formed and where, in the world, it can be located. Granite is formed as the result of a great deal of pressure in the earth and then the cooling of the rock. There

is a band of granite clear around the earth in a North-South direction, which seemed interesting to Dick Thompson and also to the members of the committee.

At this point Mr. Thompson showed the film taken the day the granite was cut and carried from Cook Creek. Following the film, Mr. Thompson showed photos he had taken of the rock after cutting, and discussed the pieces of granite, the members deciding upon the cut to use and then discussing the spot where the marker for the Astoria Fires should be placed.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Fred Andrus that we put up the rock, for the Astoria Fire Marker, covering the fires of 1883 and 1922, suggested by Dick Thompson, imbedded in concrete in an upright position, at the Northeast corner of the intersection of 9th and Exchange Streets, which spot overlooks the entire area of the fires. Motion was seconded by Bill Foster. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned the meeting, called for Tuesday at Gray Memorial Presbyterian Church with reference to the Pioneer Cemetery.

It was recommended, by the Committee, that the names of Stan Church and Mrs. Russell (Lawanda) Dark be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval as members of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee.

MOTION NO. 3:

There being nothing further to come before the meeting it was moved by Ted Stokes and seconded by Bill Foster that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith".

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



# After 100 years, ghosts beckon to

By **RUSSELL DARK**

Correspondent, The Oregonian

**BRADWOOD** — Time is running out for the twin ghost towns of the lower Columbia, Bradwood and Clifton.

Heavy undergrowth hides the falls where a young Ohio lumberman, Henry Hunt, erected his water-powered sawmill in 1843 at the mouth of Hunt Creek.

Other sawmills occupied the Clatsop County site, the last being Columbia-Hudson Lumber Co. The town took its name from Walter Woodard of Cottage Grove and Fred Bradley of Bay City, Mich., who built a sawmill at Bradwood in 1930. The remains of the long-deserted mill were bulldozed into rubble this year. Tracks of the railroad which once ran back toward Nicolai mountain dis-

appeared long ago.

Veio Pucket came to Bradwood in 1948 and is still there as manager of the Starker interests, owners of the property.

"We used to have 50 buildings here," Puckett said. "Most of them are gone now but we still have six rentals."

Pucket has cleared a number of houses from the land and said the owner proposes to dispose of the flat area as an industrial site.

"We still have 21 residents," Puckett said. Most of them are children who ride the bus to schools in Knappa. The old store building, where a post office was opened in 1930, is closed and is used for storage.

It is quiet in the once bustling town, quiet enough to hear the clanking of

Portland-bound ships as they churn up the deepwater channel of the Columbia, which washes beside the site of the wrecked sawmill.

A mile downriver is the farm where Stephen Spear, a Massachusetts cooper, settled in 1856. His wife named their primitive home Clifton cottage, giving a name to the cannery town which later grew up there.

Spear received a government approval of his 144-acre homesteading claim on Sept. 6, 1873, and the same day sold a part of it to J.W. Cook, a Portland businessman, as a salmon cannery site. Cook's brother, Vincent, joined the operation the following year and was named first postmaster shortly afterward. The post office was closed in 1956 after 82 years.

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**STORAGE PLACE** — Bradwood store has long been closed, but wreckers have spared the structure, which remains in

relatively good repair. Building is used for storage. Property belongs to Starker interests and is managed by Veio Pucket.



# win Columbia River towns

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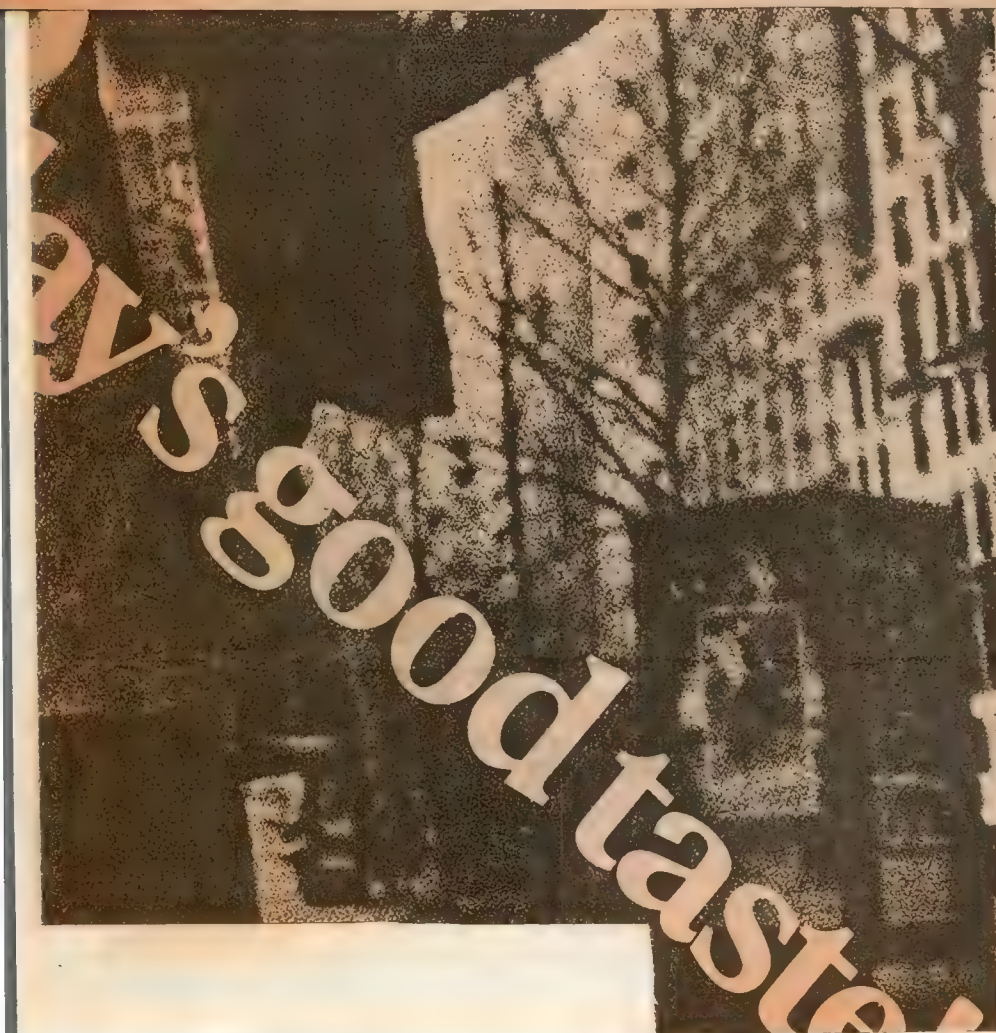
building which once housed workers and the village post oated off its piling more than a and drifted down Clifton chan- and up on the Columbia bar.

Marincovich tries to keep Clif- by buying salmon for Bumble foods when there are fish to

neighbor, Veo Puckett, still r brighter lights to come on at d.



**VICTIM** — This crumbling bunkhouse built by Cook Brothers in 1873 finally slid off its piling in 1973, drifted to the mouth of the Columbia River. Coast Guard captured it, tied it to a piling at Fort Stevens, where it broke up.







MAIN STREET — Burlington  
Northern track is Main Street  
for Clifton. One of the  
houses perched on river  
bank is occupied.

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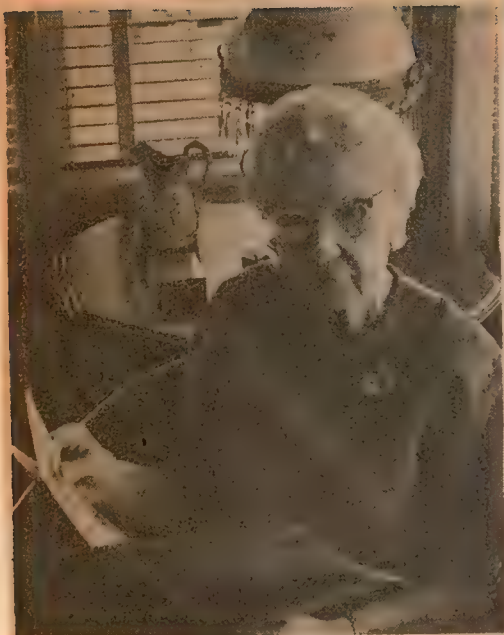
**POST OFFICE** — This building served as Clifton's last post office. It was closed in 1956 after

82 years of service. Lock boxes and counters still remain in building. Clifton still has four residents.



**SALVAGE** — Traces of these two houses awash along river remain despite hammer, wrecking bar and flooding river. Bumble Bee Seafoods owns town.

*The Oregonian*  
 December 15, 1975  
 Article and Pictures  
 by  
 Russell Dark  
 Correspondent, The Oregonian



**TEMPORARY** — Mrs. Jalmer Thompson went to Clifton for a temporary visit, stayed 33 years. She now lives in Astoria and recalls long sojourn in town turning ghost.



**BOOSTER** — Andy Marincovich and his wife live on Clifton's Main Street. He has spent most of his life in town trying to keep it alive by buying salmon for Bumble Bee Seafoods from area fishermen.



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 19, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:	Clarence Sigurdson	Ted Stokes
	Philippa Mardesich	Russell Dark
	Trygve Duoos	Carl Labiske
	Bill Foster	Helen C. Griffith

Also in attendance were Lawanda Dark and Dennis Thompson.

To start the meeting off, Chairman Russell Dark asked Dennis Thompson of Astoria Granite Works to give us a report on the Astoria Fire Marker. Dennis reported that Dick Thompson, who had been doing the work on this marker to date, was unable to be present and had sent the particulars to the meeting with Dennis.

Mr. Thompson showed the lettering Dick Thompson had prepared for the stone. The legend reads as follows: "This marker is near the Southwest corner of the business district of Astoria, Oregon that was destroyed by fires in 1883 and 1922".

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Ted Stokes that the legend, as read, be approved for the Astoria Fire Marker monument. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the best date for dedication of the Astoria Fire Marker and it was felt that February 14, 1976 be considered as a possible date. This date would fall on a Saturday and is the 117th Anniversary of Statehood for Oregon.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Ted Stokes that we hold the dedication of the Astoria Fire Marker on the 14th day of February, 1976. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark brought up the \$1,100.00 check, made out to him, which was the remainder of the 1975 funds available for use by the Advisory Committee when needed. It was suggested by the County Clerk that this money be cashed and a bank account set up. Upon agreement of County Counsel, Chairman Russell Dark agreed to set up the bank account with any two of three signatures good to remove money from the account, upon a

vote of the Advisory Committee.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Ted Stokes that we bank the money in a savings account and that George Fulton, Russell Dark, and Bill Foster be authorized to sign the necessary papers for removal of funds as they would be needed. Any two signatures of the three mentioned will be sufficient for withdrawal of funds. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by Carl Labiske that the minutes of the meeting of December <sup>15</sup>(18), 1975 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark said that the County Clerk stated when this historic map is prepared and ready that his suggestion would be that we charge 25¢ per copy. The map will be 11" x 17" in size and the total cost will come to \$300 to \$350 for 10,000 copies. The basic map will be a light blue with roads and key number showing in black, so they will show up well. Legends will be shown on the back, with a picture of the bow of the Peter Iredale being placed on the front cover. This will be in the blue also. If there is any additional space, a few pictures could be added, such as the Flavel House; the Column; the Maritime Museum; etc. Also, the Bi-Centennial Insignia will be placed in one corner of the map, since this is an activity of the bi-centennial year.

At 25¢ per copy for 10,000 copies the returns would be \$2,500.

A general explanation was given by Russell Dark of the contents of the map. Mr. Dark mentioned the Town of Grand Rapids, which was in the center of the county and had a population of 1,200 people. The town was later known as Tideport. Where Buster Creek reached the Nehalem was the exact site of the city.

Bill Foster mentioned the marker for the Fishermen who have lost their lives. Trygve Duoos says there should be some type of statuary to memorialize those fishermen who have lost their lives on the river. This was in the days of the sailboats. Many men were lost each year. Clarence Sigurdson mentioned reading his father's diary, in



which he mentioned only that he lost his boat off of Chinook.

The placing of such a monument will need to be discussed more fully. Chairman Russell Dark suggested getting in touch with Dave Talbot of the Highway Department. Perhaps the State might be interested in putting one up. Such a memorial could be made of area wide interest.

Chairman Russell Dark asked Trygve Duoos to chair a committee to work on the program of a memorial to the fishermen who perished on the river. Bill Foster offered to work with Trygve.

The matter of vandalism was discussed and Dennis Thompson said he felt that any statuary would probably not be vandalized; that all those monuments in Europe, such as the Little Mermaid in Denmark, have been there for hundres<sup>d</sup> of years and would no doubt remain for hundreds of years yet.

It was suggested that perhaps the school children might be interested in becoming involved in such a project as the memorial to the fishermen.

Dennis Thompson said that the Cannon Beach people are going ahead with their project, with their dedication being June 29th, which will be their main Bi-Centennial event.

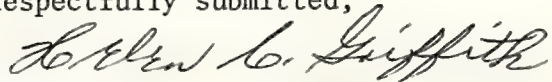
Chairman Russell Dark said Stan Church mentioned he wants a marker at the entrance to the Pioneer Cemetery on Clatsop Plains. Dennis Thompson said that Stan Church was interested in sealing the map in such a way that it can be put up, on an open board, for all to see. Also, Mr. Thompson said that Mr. Church is now going to get a book together on the history of the people in the Clatsop Plains area.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned the Indians traveling by canoe from Cullaby Lake, all the way to Seaside.

MOTION NO. 5:

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time it was moved by Trygve Duoos and seconded by Bill Foster that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 16, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:	Fred Andrus	William Foster
	Carl Labiske	George Fulton
	Clarence Sigurdson	Ted Stokes
	Philippa Mardesich	Lawanda Dark
	Russell Dark	Hiram C. Johnson
	Helen C. Griffith.	

Bill Foster reported on the dedication of the Astoria Fire Marker on Saturday, February 14, 1976, at 11:00 A. M. at the Northeast corner of 9th and Exchange Streets, with Ragnor Johnson being the speaker for the occasion. This corner where the marker is placed was where the old Wesche home had stood. Mr. Foster said there were several city and county representatives present, with a good number of citizens present also. The weather was rather nasty for awhile, but everyone remained for the completion of the program. Also, it was reported to the Committee that the bill has been paid for the Astoria Fire Marker.

An account has been set up at the Bank of Astoria, on the \$1,100.00, with Bill Foster, George Fulton, and Russell Dark being designated as persons legally allowed to sign the checks, with any two out of three signatures acceptable.

Russell Dark reported on a letter he had found which had been written by John Shively - a very interesting letter. It is hoped a copy can be made of this letter for the files.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that the project for placing historical pictures of the area around the Court House lobby walls, will be completed Thursday afternoon, February 19, 1976.

Chairman Russell Dark showed the pictures of the map as it is being prepared for printing. This will be an historic map of Clatsop County. The Daily Astorian and Mr. Nikula are both working on quotes. The Columbia Press quoted 5,000 copies for the sum of \$236.45 and 10,000 copies for the sum of \$377.45.



Chairman Russell Dark asked for additional historical sites, which should be noted on the map and which he might have over looked.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that a stone marker be placed in Seaside at the Turnaround, next to the flag, with the legend reading "End of the Lewis & Clark Trail". Discussion followed. Motion failed for lack of a vote.

It was suggested by Commissioner Hiram Johnson that Clarence Sigurdson go back to Mayor Elvin Goodman, asking that the City of Seaside present a written request to the committee - stating the size of stone; the size of type; and the legend wished thereon. This was also suggested by others on the Committee. There is no question but what this marker will be prepared but further ideas need to be brought out.

Chairman Russell Dark suggested that the price of the historic maps of Clatsop County be 50¢ per copy. The Committee agreed this price would not be out of line; therefore this will be the price asked.

It was reported that the <sup>ROTARY</sup>Roty Club has projects decided upon, as worthy projects for the Club, before they begin work toward their Red Stocking Review. Among items mentioned was a marker commemorating the lost fishermen. A general discussion followed on this subject. Ted Stokes mentioned that Stanley Wanlass of Clatsop County, won the contract for design for new city hall at Everett, Washington. Various sites were suggested as possible placement spots for such a marker.

Chairman Russell Dark announced that at 2:00 P. M. on May 22, 1976 the corner-stone of the Court House will be opened, as a Bi-Centennial activity. The Masonic Grand Lodge will do the honors, since they placed the original stone. This will be done under the direction of Frank Coumont who is the Grand Master this year. Those things in the corner stone will be checked, and other items will be added before the stone is replaced.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that on Wednesday, February 18, at 10:30 A. M. in the town square at Warrenton the last of the 200 trees in the tree planting ceremony are to be planted.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Ted Stokes and seconded by Bill Foster that there being nothing further to come before the committee, the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith".

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 15, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:	Bill Foster	Margaret Green
	Dorothy Wootton	Carl Labiske
	Philippa Mardesich	Lawanda Dark
	Russell Dark	Trygve Duoos
	Ted Stokes	George C. Fulton
	Helen C. Griffith.	

The minutes for the month of February were not ready for consideration. The February and March minutes of the Committee will be presented for approval in April.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the Historical Map. Prices will be offered tomorrow. Mr. Dark said he might hold a special meeting to decide upon who shall print the maps.

Trygve Duoos reported on sites for the Fishermen's monument. It was suggested by the Fishermen's Union that the only place for it would be at the Boat Basin. or Fishermen's Dock. Trygve Duoos suggested that we get with it as soon as possible, and he would like to see it accomplished, at least in his life time. Discussion followed, and it was felt that if a figure were used it would be prohibitive in cost, but, nevertheless, Mr. Duoos suggested he would like to see the marker be made of bronze.

A general discussion was held, concerning the marker commemorating those fishermen who gave their lives for their profession in this area.

Some of the members of the committee wondered if the bronze might be bad for this area, since it turns color; however, some of the bronze statuary in other parts of the world is in the same type of atmosphere as the West Coast of Oregon.

George Fulton said, in discussing some existing markers, that one which was mentioned was \$15,000 in bronze casting and higher than that for a granite marker.

Chairman Russell Dark says he will discuss, with Dick Thompson of the Astoria Granite Works, the matter of preparing a monument.

Clarence Sigurdson suggested that Chris Thompson had a picture of a Fisherman that might be a good model. Other suggestions were made and the committee will continue to keep this matter in mind, to come up with exactly the right type of monument.

George Fulton mentioned the Cannon Beach monument, saying it was a fine idea using youth participation in a contest to get the proper legend for the marker.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the opening of the corner stone of the Court House on May 22, examining the contents, adding some current items, and resealing it until the Tri-Centennial. Mr. Dark reported that at least 19 of the members of the Grnd Lodge of the Masons will be here for the ceremony. Also, Mr. Dark reported that Albert Mittet will take the stone out and put it back.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned he would like to bring Kee Wong up here some night and have him make a salmon can. He does it in just a few seconds.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that there are about 30 pictures ready to frame for the lobby of the Courthouse.

Russell Dark reported finding the location for Grand Rapids, Oregon so it can be included on the historic map. It is located underneath the bridge at Elsie and Jewell.

Under new business, Clarence Sigurdson presented information from Seaside requesting a monument for the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. Seaside, through Mayor Goodman, asked that the County donate a three foot high marker, marking the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. There was a short discussion on the matter, with full agreement from the Committee that all decisions on these markers are presented to the County Commission, through recommendation, for approval, and that the County pays for these markers, unless some organization can be found who would be interested in sponsoring such a marker. Mr. Dark suggested it would be a good idea to endorse this program and send the results to Mayor Goodman.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Trygve Duoos and seconded by Ted Stokes that this body endorse



the program of the City of Seaside and donate the stone necessary to make the marker commemorating the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. Discussion followed on the above motion, with the feeling that the motion was incomplete. Motion failed.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Trygve Duoos and seconded by Ted Stokes that this body endorse the program of the City of Seaside and donate the stone necessary to make the marker commemorating the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail, and that we have the inscription placed on the stone, with Clarence Sigurdson being responsible for getting clearance for the placement spot. Motion carried, as amended.

George Fulton said that we should submit, to the City Council of Seaside, a mock up showing them what is planned for this commemorative marker.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Bill Foster that this Committee recommend to the County Commission that they authorize the expenditure of such sums as are necessary to accomplish the preparation and placing of the marker commemorating the 'end of the Lewis & Clark trail'. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark will respond to Mayor Goodman's request to this committee.

Dorothy Wootton suggested that Ragnor Johnson be asked to become a member of this committee. Mr. Ragnor Johnson's name will be suggested to the County Commission and upon approval, Ragnor will be asked to join.

It was reported by Carl Labiske that Ned Thorndike is in Columbia Memorial Hospital and not feeling at all well. The Secretary will send a card from the Committee.

Bill Foster reported finding a newspaper file, dated 1893, in the basement of the Sheriff's Tax Dept. This file was put together by J.S.Dellinger, who owned the Morning Astorian.

MOTION NO. 4: It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by Trygve Duoos that there being no further business the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

SHOWN BELOW IS MESSAGE SHOWN ON REVERSE SIDE OF ATTACHED POSTCARD OF THE PLACE OF  
BASTILLE IN PARIS. POSTCARD MAILED IN AACHEN. ADDRESSED TO: Miss Helen Spicer, Clatsop  
County Courthouse, Astoria, Oregon 97103, USA. *Card dated 4/10/76.*

"Hi - Having perfect weather but cool. Am bone tired so you see I'm not missing  
much. The Louvre about finished my knee - always steps up - walk & then steps down.

I've seen 3 other columns like this outside Astoria! Cheaper by the doz. in  
reverse. Affectionately, Teddy Gibson"





## CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 19, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were: Fred Andrus Bill Foster  
Clarence Sigurdson Ted Stokes  
Dorothy Wootton Margaret Green  
Philippa Mardesich Lawanda Dark  
Russell Dark Helen C. Griffith  
Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of February 16, 1976, they stand approved as written.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of March 15, 1976, they stand approved as written.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the marker at Seaside, at the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. He had discussed the matter with Mayor Goodman.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Ted Stokes that the Historical Advisory Committee pay from its county marker account the sum of \$150.00, with the balance of \$100.00 being paid by Mayor Goodman and Clarence Sigurdson of Seaside, for the preparation and placement of the stone marker marking the end of the Lewis & Clark Trail. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark presented map which is ready for printing. Mr. Dark asked for recommendations and suggestions as to the proper colors for the map. The Committee members discussed the matter and agreed that a light blue base, with black printing, be suggested as a good color combination.

Mr. Dark presented three quotations on the printing of the map, based on 10,000

copies: Columbia Press ----- \$ 387.00  
Consolidated Press ---- 537.45  
Daily Astorian ----- 612.75 - \$397.70 for 5,000 copies.

The Columbia Press cannot prepare the map on the requested size paper; therefore, the decision must be made between the other two companies.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson that we check as to the delivery date of the maps and then let the County Commission decide which company should do the printing. Discussion followed. Bill Foster disagreed for he said the Committee was formed to make such decisions and recommendations. Following the discussion, Clarence Sigurdson withdrew his motion.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Ted Stokes that Chairman Russell Dark check into the delivery date of the maps and then let the County Commission know what that date will be. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by Ted Stokes and seconded by Bill Foster that Consolidated Printing be selected to print the Clatsop County Historical Map. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark asked for corrections or suggestions as to any changes which might need to be made to the Historical Map Key. #19 will be changed to read Fort Astoria (in caps) and Fort George in brackets following. General discussion followed on this matter; however, there were no other corrections or changes to be made.

Chairman Russell Dark will get a copy of the proof and our information before he gives the 'go ahead' on the printing of the 10,000 copies.

Margaret Green mentioned that the name of Hug Point was given to that point long before the roadway for cars was blasted out of the rock. Before the roadway was prepared the people used to go around the point and low tide, picking their way along the rocks against the point.

Chairman Russell Dark asked if anyone knew of any record of a cemetery on Karlson Island. Mr. Dark said before the Dempsies left, Mrs. Dempsie told him she was born on Tenasillie Island and remembered going to funerals on Karlson Island when she was a child.

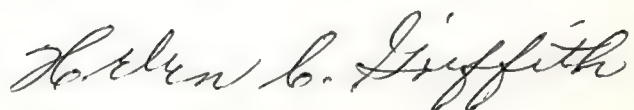


Philippa Mardesich mentioned the stone marker for Seaside, asking the depth of the concrete marker. Mr. Dark explained that it will be two inches below sod level, but there was no mention made of the depth of the concrete base. Also, some of the members mentioned the marker on the World War II shelling, noting that thus far there has been no vandalism on said marker; however, it has grown up quite a bit and needs to be cleaned up before the summer season arrives.

MOTION NO. 5:

It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Bill Foster that there being nothing further to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 17, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:	Bill Foster	George Fulton
	Clarence Sigurdson	Ted Stokes
	Philippa Mardesich	Hiram C. Johnson
	Russell Dark	Helen C. Griffith

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the historical map. It is ready for printing, with the exception of one type of material Nick is waiting for. As soon as this arrives and a couple of pictures are ready, we are ready to print. The map will contain a picture of the Peter Iredale, plus pictures of the old Forts at the mouth of the river.

A committee of Hiram C. Johnson, Bill Foster, and George Fulton are to arrange for authorization to publish the map.

Chairman Russell Dark has talked with Joe Camberg about using the maps as placemats at the Fiesta and out at Oney's. Mr. Dark also contacted the Chamber of Commerce, the Maritime Museum, and possible the Historical Museum about placing these maps in their buildings, for sale. The price of the maps will be 50¢ and Mr. Dark says we should be able to realize a profit of approximately \$4,000

Committee members discussed the B. E. Pease home in Warrenton. It is marked with one of the historical markers. This house is about a block South of the old Malarkey house, and had been in rather bad disrepair, but has been cleaned up and painted and looks very nice now.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned he had visited with Loraine Slotte Masterson, who had some old pictures in which he was interested. He will be taking some of them to have reproduced.



MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the newspapers be notified of the coming event on the replacement of the cornerstone of the Court House that a short item might be printed in each paper mentioning the event. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved and seconded that we also place a copy of the Daily Astorian, Seaside Signal, and the Columbia Press in the cornerstone box, all newspapers to be dated May 20, 1976. Motion carried.

A general discussion followed on just what articles from 1976 should be included in the box for replacement in the cornerstone of the Courthouse. A block or sheet of stamps, at the current rate for first class, depicting the flags of each state in the Union was one suggestion as a possible enclosure.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned the Bodenhamers in Seaside, who collect old pictures. They may have something that would be of interest to our committee. Chairman Russell Dark will contact the family.

Chairman Russell Dark reminded the committee of the ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 22, 1976, at 2:00 P. M., which ceremony will be conducted by the Masonic Lodge, led by the Grand Master Frank Coumont.

Clarence Sigurdson suggested that one of the Jefferson Peace Medals be included in the cornerstone box as a memory of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that we ask Ted Stokes, our representative from the Clatsop County Historical Society, to request, from the Historical Society, one of the peace medals, which were struck from the original peace medal carried by Lewis and Clark, for inclusion in the articles to be placed in the cornerstone box on May 22, 1976. Motion carried.

The suggestion, with reference to the sheet of U. S. Government Stamps, 50 to the sheet, for inclusion in the cornerstone box, came from Arthur Dempsie and in the form of a motion, the committee decided to include it.

MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by Arthur Dempsie and seconded by Bill Foster that a sheet of 50 U. S. Government postage stamps, carrying the coat of arms or state flag for every state in the Union, be properly prepared and placed in the cornerstone on May 22, 1976. Motion carried.

Following a general discussion, the World War II monument area on Delaura Beach Road was found to be rather overgrown, and Commission Chairman Hiram C. Johnson will contact John Dooley, the county Roadmaster, asking that the road crew clean up the area. As reported, the area where the shell is located is almost completely overgrown as well as that area surrounding the monument.

Clarence Sigurdson again mentioned the Alex Gilbert home, stating that he had not seen a sign commemorating the 1884 building of the home. He wanted to know if anyone was working on the matter.

The last issue of the Columbia Press contained pictures of the monument at Cannon Beach and also the one at Trails End, Seaside.

A general discussion was held on the proposed monument honoring the fishermen. Trygve Duoos is still checking possible locations. There have been many suggested.

There being nothing further to come before the committee it was moved by Ted Stokes and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



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# THE DAILY ASTORIAN



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MONDAY, MAY 17, 1976

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Daily Astorian — MIKE ARCHBOLD

Monument to 'monumental man'

## Pioneering doctor honored Sat.



# Of The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — "Today the little Pioneer cemetery on Clatsop Plains received the mortal remains of a magnificent character, Dr. Alfred Coleman Kinney," began The Astoria Budget memorial editorial on July 14, 1943.

It concluded: "He will be remembered as a man of glowing faith and high vision. He assumes a monumental place among the great and good men that played a significant part in the evolution of a way of life as Americans know it."

Sunday morning local and state medical officials and members of the Clatsop Plains Presbyterian Church gathered at the grave site to honor his memory with the dedication of a stone monument.

Dr. Clarence Hagmeier, president of the Oregon Medical Assn., and the association's executive director Robert Durneddi unveiled the polished red granite marker.

"Outstanding Citizen," "Benefactor" and "Pioneer Son" says the inscription around Dr. Kinney's likeness which is etched in the hard stone. The ancient symbol for healing, a snake-entwined staff, framed the other side of the marker.

Dr. Kinney, born Jan. 20, 1850 and died July 12, 1943, now had an appropriate marker to rival those of the other Clatsop County pioneers interred in the picturesque cemetery — pioneers like the Gearharts, Solomon Smith, the Warrens, the Hobsons.

However, unlike many pioneers, Dr. Kinney's place in history wasn't merely the result of being first. Rather his

reformer for nearly 60 years and his contributions to the civic and financial progress of the Astoria-Seaside area testify to his worthiness.

His gravesite might have gone unknown and unmarked were it not for the efforts of amateur historian Stan Church who found the site during a recent plotting of all the cemetery sites.

Notified of the find, Astoria physician, Tim Patrick, president of the Clatsop County Medical Assn., worked with the state association to purchase the monument and arrange the dedication.

Born on his father's farm near Newberg, Dr. Kinney graduated from New York City's Bellevue Hospital Medical School in 1872 and practiced medicine in Portland, Heppner and Salem before settling in Astoria in 1886.

In 1903 he played a major role in legislation establishing the State Board of Health. As a member of the original board, he took the lead in stamping out typhoid fever in Oregon.

In 1875 he helped organize the state Medical Society and became its first and later its 50th president. That same year he performed the first surgical operation at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

Dr. Kinney's interest extended beyond the medical profession to the economic needs of his community.

He raised the first \$150,000 to bring a railroad to Astoria and served as president of the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad. He then helped establish the Seaside-Astoria Railroad and also served as its vice-president.

Recognizing the importance of the Columbia River to world trade and the future of the area, Dr. Kinney led efforts to deepen the river's mouth and channel for ocean-going ships.

He also served as mayor of Astoria.

But above all he was "a small town doctor" who as the 1943 editorial noted toiled "hour after hour to save lives of others during the influenza epidemic here" in 1918.

Present at the ceremony was Dorothy Stone Kinney, 78, of Astoria, a distant relative of Dr. Kinney, who remembered a quiet man. "Like all the Kinneys, he was a strong idealist. He was a man of high ideals and vision. We would now call him a humanitarian," she said.

She also remembered that Dr. Kinney was known for his diagnostic skills. "If someone had an illness that no other doctors could diagnose, Uncle

and even if it took him many days he would always find out the problem and come up with a cure."

Edna Ellen Bell, of Gearhart, remembered visiting Dr. Kinney as a young girl.

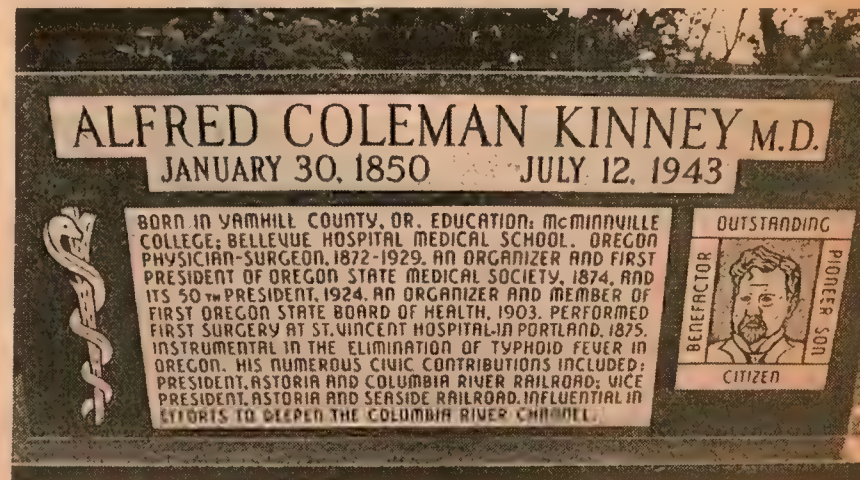
"We all loved Uncle Alfred," she recalled. "He had an appeal for us children. We always wanted to go back and see him."

She remembered Dr. Kinney as a quiet man with a goatee and moustache, an impeccable dresser and a man with a sense of humor.

Church recalled one story about Dr.

Kinney owning the first car in Astoria. "And Dr. Kinney wasn't the best of drivers," Church accounted. "While passing by some street car tracks one day, he collided with a street car and Dr. Kinney never could understand why the street car couldn't get out of the way."

In his invocation at the ceremony, church elder Dick Knotts thanked God for Dr. Kinney's "service to the needs of mankind to the best of his efforts" and for "the challenge he gives each of us, also pioneers, to be responsible to those that follow us."





# THE DAILY ASTORIAN

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1976

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Bill Foster, left, opens courthouse cornerstone  
as Frank Coumont looks on.

Daily Astorian — JOHN KNOWLTON

## Courthouse time capsule opened

By JOHN KNOWLTON  
Of The Daily Astorian

It was history revisited Saturday when local historians and interested citizens attended the opening of a small tin box which had been stored in the cornerstone of the Clatsop County courthouse for almost 53 years.

After examining the contents of the box, the officials added numerous items symbolic of current times and enclosed them with the old remnants in a new stainless steel box. It was rededicated Saturday afternoon and once again placed in the courthouse cornerstone.

The rededicated box will be reopened June 22, 2004, which will be Clatsop County's bicentennial year.

The old box was opened by Bill Foster of the Clatsop County Historical Society and Frank Coumont, Clatsop County's district attorney and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon.

In it were numerous historical items including copies of the three newspapers published in Astoria on Aug. 23, 1904. In addition, there were pictures of James and Nancy Welch, the first white couple to settle in Astoria.

The lead news story in the Aug. 23, 1904 edition of The Morning Astorian was about the Boxer Rebellion. Advertisements displayed a special sale

for ladies oxfords, \$1.95 a pair and for round trip ticket to and from St. Louis, Mo., costing \$67.50.

After the old items had been displayed and microfilmed, they were added to numerous new items and placed in the new stainless steel box.

New items placed in the box include latest editions of The Daily Astorian, Columbia Press and Seaside Signal, an autographed copy of Roger Tetlow's "The Astorian" and a copy of the rededication resolution approved by Clatsop County commissioners.

Also included in the box was a current telephone book, a copy of the May 1976 edition of the Oregon Freemason's magazine, a silver dollar donated by Foster, a half dollar piece from Clatsop Sheriff Carl Bondietti and a list of items from the Clatsop Post of the American Legion.

In addition, the box included a flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes which had been crocheted by Josephine Love, county historian.

Radio station KAST included a tape recording of current events and environmental problems in Clatsop County.

The afternoon dedication ceremony was held on the lawn of the courthouse and under the supervision of the Masons. The granite cornerstone was constructed by Astoria Granite Works.



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 21, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were:	George Fulton	Bill Foster
	Clarence Sigurdson	Dorothy Wootton
	Margaret Green	Philippa Mardesich
	Lawanda Dark	Russell Dark
	Ted Stokes	Trygve Duoos
	Helen C. Griffith	Hiram C. Johnson

Chairman Russell Dark passed around pictures that were taken at the rededication of the cornerstone of the Courthouse.

Carol Holmes Seppa has the Welch family bible which she is keeping in her possession. Carol's grandmother Holmes was a Welch girl.

Chairman Russell Dark presented the proof of the historical map for perusal by the committee. Everything appeared to be in order and ready for printing.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Margaret Green that the committee approve the publication of the historical map, as presented, with the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that the date be added on said map. Motion carried. Chairman Russell Dark will discuss this matter with the Commissioners before giving the 'go ahead' to the printers.

Discussion followed on the price to be charged for the map, when it is ready for the public. Chairman Russell Dark stated that the total cost for 10,000 copies of the map will be \$530.00, and suggested that we provide copies of the map to various organizations at a lesser price than the 50¢ selling price.

It was suggested by Clarence Sigurdson that we make a bulk rate of 25¢ per copy for perhaps 500 to 1,000 copies.

MOTION NO. 2:

Following the discussion, it was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by George Fulton that any organization be charged 25¢ per copy, in hundred lots, and then sell them for 50¢ each. Motion carried.

It was suggested by George Fulton that some restaurants be contacted and Chairman Russell Dark stated that he is now negotiating with Joe Camberg of the Fiesta Club and Oneys.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Bill Foster that we pay the bill of \$100.00, presented by Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, for the cornerstone installed in the Courthouse in May, 1976. Discussion followed. Vote taken with 'No' vote by Philippa Mardesich. Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that we authorize issuance of a draft in the sum of \$375.00 to Consolidated Printing, to be delivered to Mr. Dark, as partial payment on the printing of the map. Motion carried.

Bill Foster reported on the condition of the bank account. There is a current total of \$960.67 in the account.

It was noted by a member of the committee that 10,000 maps at a cost of \$530.00, would come to an actual cost of 5.3¢ per copy. At this figure the committee can afford to allow a lesser price to organizations and restaurants, such as the 25¢ figure voted upon.

George Fulton asked for a report from Hiram Johnson on the Tillamook Head meeting which was held in Portland this afternoon.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson mentioned that Dave Talbot, Superintendent of Parks Division, Ray Wilson, and others from the Parks Department, plus John Yeon and a Mr. Harry Samuels, Attorney-at-law, representing the donor, were in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that in their presentation, for the county, the fact was presented that the county will not take our State Forest Lands off the market to exchange with Crown Zellerbach. We cannot afford to lose any more forest lands. Crown Zellerbach agreed. If there is any discussion to be held on forest



lands the hearings must be held in Clatsop County Courthouse. Mr. Johnson continued with the comment that we are not going to lose any more of our timber tax base.

MOTION NO. 5:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Ted Stokes that this committee present a resolution, backing up the report as given by Hiram Johnson, in opposition to any more land grabs on Tillamook Head by the Parks Department in order that we not lose any more of our timber tax base, with said resolution being drawn by George Fulton. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark suggested that the picture of the old Flavel Depot and Dock should be hung in the lobby of the Courthouse, along with others which are being prepared.

A general discussion was held on the matter of the Flavel Dock. Someone asked for the location of said dock and it was mentioned that it was out toward the Warrenton Mill, near the Pacific Shrimp Co.

MOTION NO. 6:

Following the discussion on the Flavel Depot and Dock it was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded that we use a piece of the granite we have on hand to mark the old Flavel Dock. Motion failed for lack of a vote.

Chairman Russell Dark reminded everyone of the dedication at Cannon Beach City Park on Saturday, June 26, 1976.

Trygve Duoos stated that he and Bill Foster had not had an opportunity for any formal meeting with reference to the marker or monument honoring the fishermen. Bill Foster suggested that the said monument be placed at the foot of 9th Street, just South of the railroad tracks.

There followed a considerable amount of discussion on the matter of the fishermen's memorial, with Dorothy Wootton saying she thought that the suggestion for placing the monument at the Port Docks is an excellent idea, for there would no doubt be more people view the monument there; however, the decision making will

not come until such time as Trygve Duoos and Bill Foster have compiled a report on suggested locations for the committee.

MOTION NO. 7:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the next meeting of this committee be held on September 20, 1976. Motion carried.

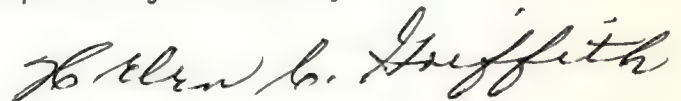
Chairman Russell Dark said that meetings throughout the summer, if any, will be subject to the call of the Chairman.

At this time Commissioner Hiram Johnson thanked the Committee for all its work during the past year. The County appreciates the work done.

MOTION NO. 8:

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, it was moved by Trygve Duoos and seconded by Bill Foster that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



PICTURE, ATTACHED HERETO, POINTS UP THE CORNERSTONE OF THE COURT HOUSE, ASTORIA, OREGON AND THE BOX WHICH CONTAINS VARIOUS ARTIFACTS OF TODAY, ADDED TO THOSE WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY IN THE BOX. HOLDING THE BOX ARE COMMISSIONER HIRAM C. JOHNSON, on the left, and DEPUTY SHERIFF WILLIAM M. FOSTER of the Tax Department, on the right. Taken in June, 1976.



PER NOTIFICATION BY DR. ED HARVEY ON AUGUST 10, 1976, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AT 9:00 A. M. ON AUGUST 13, 1976, IN FRONT OF THE PAUL WILLIAMSON HOME ON FRANKLIN AVENUE, BETWEEN 12th & 14th STREETS, ASTORIA THERE WILL BE A MEETING AND PROGRAM, DURING WHICH PAUL HARTWIG, STATE PRESERVATIONIST, WILL DECLARE FRANKLIN and 10th AS HISTORIC MINI DISTRICT. hcgriffith, Secy to Historical Advisory Committee.

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Attached, below, is letter from Sedoris Jordan Daniels, wherein she thanked Dr. Ed Harvey for correcting the marker on her old home on Franklin Avenue. (The letter can be found within the attached envelope.)

Mrs. Thaxter N. Daniels  
1112 N. Second St.  
San Jose, Calif. 95112

*for Hiram Johnson*



*Mr. Edward W. Harvey  
17th & Irving Avenue  
Astoria  
Oregon 97103*



house ~~at~~ 17<sup>th</sup> & Franklin  
This house is no longer  
standing - At the time  
(1881) it was the home  
of William & Sue  
(Joplin) Uhlenhart. She  
was a sister of Will  
Joplin who built my  
old home. There is an  
Uhlenhart Addition  
in S.W. Astoria.

I want to compli-  
ment you for the  
fine work you are  
doing, historically, for  
Astoria. So much

July 6, 1976

Dear Mr. Harney,

Thank you for your  
promptness in cor-  
recting the marker  
on my old home on  
Franklin Avenue.

Maybe posterity won't  
care whether it's  
1908 or 1903, but  
I feel better, anyway -

My roots go back  
many years in that  
neighborhood. My  
parents were married  
July 14, 1881 in a

will soon be forgotten  
if someone doesn't  
preserve history—

I appreciate your  
efforts, and, success  
for the future—

Sincerely,

Lecloris Jordan Daniels





AUGUST 19, 1976

Sunday, August 22, will be an historic day for barge commerce on the Columbia River. Raz Inland Navigation will make a direct run from the upriver ports in the Tri-cities area of Eastern Washington, to the Port of Astoria. This will be the first time a tow boat company made a direct run from as far up river all the way to the sea with roll on/roll off cargo.

Raz Has been planning this move for six months. An office staff has been stationed in Astoria since January, and trial procedures have been inacted through the Raz main office at the Port of Portland's Terminal 6, and at Eastern Washington ports, such as Pasco.

Jim Sanders, President of Raz Inland Navigation has had his doubts in the past about the expanded operation to the full length of the Columbia River, but as 'D' day approaches, Mr. Sanders has begun considering the next leg of the Raz operation, barge service to Hawaii.

Board Chairman, Arthur Raz said, "We already have proven quite a bit to the other tow boat companies about untapped markets and roll on/roll off cargoes, now we are going to prove barge service, not steamship service is going to be the future of the Columbia River."

Estimated Time of Arrival of the Raz tug and barge at the Port of Astoria docks, slip one, will be Sunday, August 22, at 6 pm. Opening ceremonies will be Monday, August 23, at 10 am. The cargo will be about 700 tons of Hay and Hay cubes from the Morse Pellet Mills in Pasco Washington.

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CLATSOP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING CEREMONIES ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1976 AT 10:00 A. M. AT THE PORT OF ASTORIA DOCKS.

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 18, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee had its October, 1976 meeting in a different setting than the usual one in the austere chambers of the County Court. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dark were hosts to the members in their home on Pleasant Avenue, where a cozy and hospitable atmosphere awaited the 12 attending. In the absence of Helen Griffith, secretary, who was vacationing in souther California, no minutes were read.

Chairman Dark reported that a little more than \$900 was realized from sale of historical maps of the county that he recently compiled and had printed; that the maps had been paid for and that there was a balance of \$800 left, making a sum of \$1,700 in the bank for future projects. Russell said that among those places ordering maps to sell in town were the Columbia Press, 100; County Court, 100; and the Thunderbird Motel and Restaurant, 100.

An interesting discussion, started by Margaret Green, ensued on the proposition of erecting a monument to the fishermen of this area who had lost their lives at sea or on the river. Trygve Duoos stated that he thought it should be not made of granite or rock but of wood, indigent to this locality, and hand carved in the figure of an old time fisherman. Fred Andrus said there are two talented woodcarvers in the area that he knows about, a man named Bergeron and Ed Ross. Dark asked Fred to approach Ed Ross first on this. Bill Foster suggested a possible site for the statue would be in the little park or garden plot planned for the new restaurant and shop complex being built at the foot of 11th Street, but Trygve said he thought that it best to locate it somewhere on Fisherman's Wharf, west-end moorage, for more of the sport fishermen, as well as the commercial ones, and tourists staying at the motel and eating at the restaurant, would see the monument. Trygve cited as an example, a group of tourists called "Ports o' Call", numbering 1000 members, frequently visits Astoria, flying in by their own jet plane. They always stay at the Thunderbird and go out on charter boats to fish from the moorage. It costs \$300 a year to be a member, and these come from all parts of the U. S. Members agreed that this latter location



would attract the largest groups of tourists in town and voted in favor of the site. Dark suggested asking Crown Zellerbach to donate a large piece of cedar for the statue.

There was another discussion on some sort of a marker at the Astoria Column in memory of Mr. Chitwood, who first entertained the idea of having a column atop Coxcomb Hill. He was a pioneer of Astoria, and built the first rough road up to the hilltop from the north side. Further action will be taken on this after the Fishermen's statue is assured.

Chairman Dark reminded members that there had been some talk of erecting a memorial to Solomon Smith, the first school teacher in Oregon, who settled on Clatsop Plains, after he married Celiast, an Indian princess of the Oregon territory. Dark thought it would be appropriate to use one of the remaining pieces of granite dug out of a rugged canyon near here by an intrepid group of historians, headed by the Thompson brothers. A motion was put into effect to use a piece of this granite by Russell Bristow and passed. Ted Stokes was appointed by Dark to determine the proper spot for such a marker on the site of Solomon Smith's home on the Plains.

Margaret Green reported that the marker on the site of the first Customs House in Astoria needs cleaning, this to be done in the near future.

Bristow suggested a letter be written to the Columbia River Gillnetters' Assn. asking for contributions for the Fishermens' monument. Chairman Dark said he would write them.

The main order of business, that of selecting officers for the coming year, resulted in Russell Dark, re-elected chairman; George Fulton, vice chairman; and Helen Griffith, secretary, by unanimous vote.

The meeting concluded in an amusing manner, when Chairman Dark, who had rescued boxes of old corporation papers from the dusty depths of the court house, which were about to be discarded, read some of these papers, and showed some of the old deeds and pictures. He also had several letters from Alfred Lommax, professor emeritus of the University of Oregon, concerning the old cornerstone of the Clatsop County Court

House. Lommax married the granddaughter of James Welch, the first white family of Astoria, showing a picture of them. Some of these descendants of the Welch family were present here for the rededication of the cornerstone this summer.

Large slices of a very delicious cake, baked by Lawanda Dark, were served with coffee before the cheery log fire at the meeting's close.

Respectfully submitted,

Philippa Mardesich, Secretary pro tem



TYPEWRITTEN COPY OF LETTER TO J. G. NURNBURG FROM S. B. PLIMPTON. NO YEAR IS SHOWN ON THE LETTER, BUT IT IS VERY OLD AND THE ORIGINAL IS VERY BRITTLE AND BECOMING VERY HARD TO READ. ALSO, IT IS BEGINNING TO DISINTEGRATE. hcg - September 13, 1976

"Westport, Oct. 18

J. G. Nurnburg,

Dear Sir

I have a fine cow going on six years old has a calf two weeks old.

She is a good milker and gentle every way. Will sell them for \$50

My object in selling is to raise money to give those poor millionares a little cash to build a railroad to Astoria.

I don't see your name down but I think such a charatable object is worthy of your full attention -

Were these poor fellows rich and able to build a road to Astoria on its merits and worth, it would be different, but you know they can't do that, so let the hat go round. At the same time it would look more creditable to outsiders if these same charitable Astorians would pay their city debts and build a decent roadway between upper and lower town and let these millionares go to the devil.

The rail road will be built all the same, whether they get a bonus or not. For one I don't want any rail road through my land.

Hoping you are all well I remain. Yours truly

S. B. Plimpton"

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 1976

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bunnell (Loretta)  
Russell Bristow  
Fred Andrus  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Ted Stokes  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Lawanda Dark  
Russell Dark  
Helen C. Griffith.

Philippa Mardesich, who kindly acted as secretary pro tem in the absence of the secretary, was ill this evening and unable to participate in the meeting; however, copies of the October minutes, taken by her, were distributed among the members present.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the status of the fishermen's monument. Mr. Jim Bergeron will look at the plans we have. Mr. Bergeron is the marine biologist at the Extension Office.

It was also reported that an officer from the Rotary Club said they have, available for our use, the designs for a metal monument to the fishermen.

Chairman Dark also mentioned that the Kiwanis Club is considering a little park under the bridge across the Columbia.

Clarence Sigurdson says if it is a wooden monument (to the fishermen) it should have a roof over it to preserve it.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that he talked with City Manager Dale Curry, and the Mayor, Robert Chopping, about a marker for Mr. Chitwood, at the Column.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Ted Stokes and seconded by Margaret Green that the Advisory Committee authorize Russell Dark to write a letter to the City Council with reference to a marker for Mr. Chitwood. Motion carried.



Ted Stokes reported on the Solomon Smith monument legend, presenting the suggested legend to Chairman Russell Dark. The legend follows: "Smith Lake. It was named for Solomon H. Smith (1809-1876), the first school teacher in Oregon. He was also farmer, merchant, ferryman, and medical practitioner. He married a daughter of Chief Coboway."

A general discussion followed on the topic of the monument in memory of Solomon Smith, and the legend. Ted Stokes was thanked for his work, to date, on this matter.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Margaret Green that the Committee express its thanks for the past services of Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson and ask him to remain on the committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned the Walluski-Bear Valley Railroad. Mr. Dark had been checking into the possible location of the road bed and found a small portion near Kisssville that appears to be a portion of this road bed.

The Bylaws of the Committee were discussed at this time, and discussion followed on the possibility of enlarging the committee.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Russell Bristow and seconded by Fred Andrus that the names of Dr. Harvey and Jack Sutfin be placed on the Associate list of members in an advisory capacity to the Committee, this motion coming out of the fact that the two members had not been present at a meeting for many months. The motion failed.

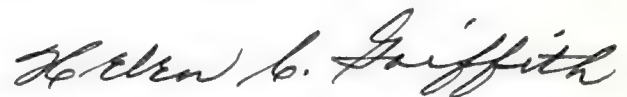
MOTION NO. 4:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Ted Stokes that Motion No. 3 be withdrawn and the matter tabled until letters can be written to Committee members, asking if they wish to continue to participate in committee activities in an active capacity. Upon acceptance of withdrawal of the motion by Mr. Bristow and Mr. Andrus, a vote was taken on this motion. Motion carried.

Following the action taken on the previous motions, a general discussion followed on the welfare of the Advisory Committee and the future preservation of Clatsop County's history. It was felt that those who are named to the Active Committee should actively participate in the work of the committee, or accept placement on the committee in an advisory capacity. This is necessary to the future of the committee, and to the history of the county. A quorum is needed at each meeting in order that the committee function properly; therefore, due consideration should be given to the bylaws and any new members should be prepared for what will be expected of them as active members on the committee.

There being nothing further to come before the committee at this time, it was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Margaret Green that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY  
HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES  
December 20, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. in the district court chambers of the Clatsop county court house by Russell Dark, chairman.

Present were Fred Andrus, Ted Stokes, Carl Labiske, George Fulton, LaWanda Dark, and Philippa Mardesich.

Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 1976 were distributed and approved without alteration or correction.

In the absence of Treasurer William Foster, the chairman reported that the Committee now has on deposit in the Bank of Astoria a total of \$1161.88 including \$283.85 returned to the county by the Bicentennial Committee. The latter sum is earmarked for removal of the Uniontown curfew bell to a new site as soon as the new fire hall is completed.

The chairman reported on a number of documents found in discards from the Clatsop county vault, including memberships in the Astoria Fire Department dated 1872.

Under old business, a report from Richard Thompson set the cost of the Solomon Smith monument at \$150 to \$200 and the John Friend Chitwood marker at about \$75. Thompson sent word that the City Parks Committee is very touchy about putting additional material on Coxcomb hill since members do not want to clutter up the small park. Thompson said a carved stone set flush with the ground probably would be approved.

There was some discussion as to the wording of Chitwood marker as prepared by Ted Stokes and the final version was left with Philippa Mardesich.

Decision on a signature line for the marker was postponed until the new county commissioners take office.

The chairman reported that incorporation papers for all of the American Legion posts in the county were recovered from discarded papers and will be pre-

sented to Clatsop Post 12. Commander James Stover said he will frame the documents and hang them on the wall of the Legion hall.

Fred Andrus was designated pro tem member of the finance committee pending the return of William Foster.

The chairman reported discovery of 173 glass negatives showing scenes of early days in the Nehalem valley, prints of which will be made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

Russell Dark  
Acting Secretary in the absence  
of Helen Griffith



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were the following members: LaWanda Dark, Clarence Sigurdson, George Fulton, Trygve Duoos, Philippa Mardesich, Carl Labiske, Fred Andrus, Russell Bristow, Russell Dark, Helen C. Griffith, and County Commissioner Orvo A. Nikula.

Guests present for the evening were: Lee Bonnell, Loretta Bonnell, Marvel Rierson, Henry Rierson, William A. Larsen, Paullette and Jill Picard, Grace Picard, Geraldine Picard, Julius Rierson, and Dorothy L. Hale.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the markers for Solomon Smith and John Friend Chitwood. Mr. Dark explained, for those who did not know, where the granite was obtained to use for these markers and others already prepared. Dick Thompson, of the Astoria Granite Works, has been and will be doing the engraving on said markers.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that all county papers that were turned loose, after inspection by the State Archives Committee, were turned over to Mr. Dark, who, with the manual help of John Dooley and the Road Crew, delivered same to the Astoria Library, at which spot Mr. Dark is inspecting them for the purpose of determining whether or not their historical value is sufficient to keep them in the library.

Mr. Dark also reported receiving copies of maps of the old logging railroads and abandoned railroads from the Building Department.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the location of a gun, of the type used at Fort Stevens, by Mr. W. William Puustinen. Mr. Puustinen discussed the matter with Representative Jim Weaver, a congressional representative from Oregon, who contacted the Department of the Army, Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, P. O. Box 7002, Anchorage, Alaska 99510. Joseph W. Hurst, LTC, Corps of Engineers, Acting District Engineer, replied to Rep. Weaver's letter, a copy of which letter is incorporated with and becomes a part of the minutes of this meeting. We shall be hearing about this subject again, when Alaska Forest Service comes to a decision.

As mentioned in the December 20, 1976 meeting of this committee, Chairman Russell Dark discovered 173 glass plates (negatives) showing scenes of early days in

the Nehalem valley, prints of which were to be made. Mr. Dark reported to the Committee that he had gone ahead, without waiting for approval of the members of the Committee, and presented the matter to the Board of County Commissioners, who gave their approval of the expenditure of funds out of our account in order that prints might be made. This was done at a total expense of \$101.00. Mr. Dark asked for the approval, for said printing, from the Committee.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Russell Bristow and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee pay the expense of printing of photos from this year's budget. Motion carried.

The matter of authorized personnel for withdrawing funds from our account at the Bank of Astoria was brought up by the Chairman. The three authorized personnel were William Foster, George Fulton, and Russell Dark. Since Mr. Foster is currently unable to serve in this capacity, and with full approval of the Advisory Committee, Fred Andrus was asked to assume the responsibility. Mr. Andrus accepted.

As of this date, the three authorized personnel named in our Bank of Astoria account are: Fred Andrus, George Fulton, and Russell Dark. With the change it was thought the bank would probably require a new card be signed. This will be done.

Referring to the pictures of the Nehalem Valley area, it should be noted that prints were available for this meeting, and at this point Chairman Russell Dark started them around the room. These are pictures of early days in the Nehalem valley and our guests of the evening were most helpful in identifying them. Mr. William A. Larsen, who grew up in that area, recognized most of the prints, even some which included him as a small boy. Julius and Henry Rierson, who are also native to the valley, assisted Mr. Larsen in identifying many of the prints, and Dorothy Hale marked the identified prints. Julius Rierson, who lives in the old home on the Rierson Homestead, allowed Mrs. Hale to bring the glass plates to Mr. Dark. These plates were in the attic of the old Rierson home. It was noted by Mrs. Hale that this was the first time Julius Rierson remembers seeing a picture of his mother and father.



There will be other pictures developed, from time to time.

Following the discussion and identifying of pictures, along with much visiting,  
the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ALASKA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 7002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

NPARE-MD

7 December 1976

Honorable Jim Weaver  
Representative in Congress  
211 East 7th Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Mr. Weaver:

This is concerning your request for information on behalf of Mr. W. William Puustinen regarding a historic gun located on George Islands, Alaska. These islands are within the Tongass National Forest in Cross Sound north of Chichagof Island, and are shown on United States Geological Survey Map, Mt. Fairweather (A-2), Alaska.

As the gun is on land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, we have made inquiry concerning the matter to the Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Mr. Ray Clark of that office informed us that the Forest Service is aware of the interest of the State of Oregon in obtaining the gun for possible placement at Fort Stevens, Oregon. However, the Division of Parks, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska, is presently making an evaluation as to whether they wish to retain the gun for the State of Alaska. Accordingly, we have requested the Forest Service to respond directly to you as soon as a decision has been reached regarding disposition of the historic gun.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Map, Mt. Fairweather (A-2),  
Alaska

JOSEPH W. HURST  
LTC, Corps of Engineers  
Acting District Engineer





CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark. With no quorum present, a legal business meeting could not be held.

In attendance were: Russell Bristow, Fred Andrus, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Russell Dark, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance was Bill Puustinen, a former resident of Clatsop County.

In order that the evening not be wasted, those present went over the pictures from Nehalem Valley, with identification in mind; however, though interesting to see, the members in attendance were unable to shed any further light on the still unidentified pictures. Many of these pictures had been previously identified by the Rierson family from the Nehalem Valley, and by Mr. Bill Larsen, who attended from the Willamette Valley. Chairman Russell Dark will see that these pictures go back to Carol Seppa, who will in turn take them to her Aunt, who, along with Mrs. Seppa's mother, were residents of the Nehalem Valley. Mrs. Seppa felt that perhaps her Aunt would be able to identify quite a number of the pictures.

A letter was received, by the Chairman, from Bob Miller, 2061 South Columbia, Seaside, asking that he be allowed to visit our Committee and discuss, with us, the possibility of being allowed to carve the memorial to the fishermen. Mr. Dark will contact Mr. Miller, inviting him to attend the March meeting.

Bill Puustinen mentioned having talked with the tawlers at Pelican Island in Alaska, who said they felt that about thirty percent of their spring catch of salmon was Columbia River Chinook. Mr. Puustinen said he asked these men if they would be interested in assisting us in some way to take care of the Columbia Fishery; that is, would they be willong to do so? They were quite agreeable, stated Mr. Puustinen.

Chairman Russell Dark reported a bank balance of \$1,161.88.

It was suggested that a letter go out to the members, possibly, regarding a memorial for Bill Foster. Many of the members had remembered him, individually, but it was thought that perhaps the members would each like to contribute a share

toward a memorial to the Clatsop County Historical Society in Mr. Foster's name, to be a gift from the Members of the Historical Advisory Committee. Chairman Russell Dark planned to compose such a letter for the secretary to mail out.

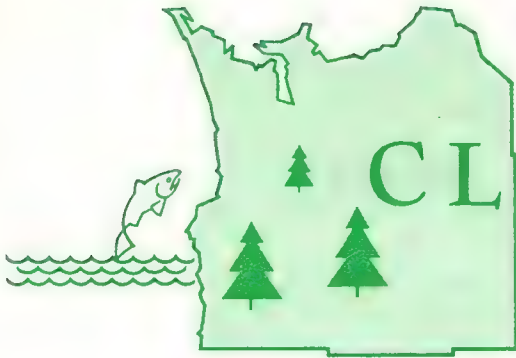
There being no business, which could be acted upon by those members present, due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary





# CLATSOP COUNTY

Courthouse Astoria, Oregon 97103  
March 17, 1977

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLATSOP COUNTY  
HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Member:

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 21, 1977, at 7:30 P. M. in the County Commission Chambers, Court House, Astoria.

Chairman Russell Dark emphasized that a quorum is needed, for we were unable to transact business in February due to lack of such a quorum.

Also, you will be interested in knowing that Dick Thompson, of Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, has been invited to attend the meeting. He has some suggested designs for the committee to view, with reference to the marker honoring John Chitwood.

Mr. Dark received the old photos which had been in the possession of Burnby Bell, and we are sure that some of you will be able to identify many of the places and people.

Bob Miller, from Seaside, plans to be present to bring before the committee some suggested designs for a monument to the fishermen, and to offer his services in preparation of same.

Most of the pictures, I believe, from Riersons on the Nehalem Valley, have been identified, but there are still some to be considered. We hope the Riersons will be able to join us on Monday evening, along with Mrs. Dorothy Hale.

See you on Monday evening, with many ideas?

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Carl Labiske, Clarence Sigurdson, Russell Bristow, Fred Andrus, Ted Stokes, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Lee Bonnell, Lorretta Bonnell, LaWanda Dark, Trygve Duoos, George Fulton, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance were County Commissioner Albert W. Palmer, Dick Thompson of Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, and Bob Miller, designer and sculptor from Seaside, Oregon.

Before the secretary arrived, Chairman Russell Dark presented Mr. Bob Miller, of Seaside, to the membership. Mr. Miller presented his ideas and suggestions with reference to a memorial being erected in honor of the fishermen. Questions were asked of Mr. Miller, and following his presentation he was invited to return. Mr. Miller said he would come to the April 18th meeting with sketches for presentation to the Committee.

At this time, Chairman Russell Dark presented Dick Thompson, of Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, who showed the membership some sketches for the John Friend Chitwood monument. Mr. Thompson said he has corrected the legend and changed it several times, hoping that this presentation will be acceptable to the Advisory Committee, and, in turn, acceptable to the City of Astoria Park Board and the City Council, who must finally pass on its acceptability. Mr. Thompson said we have to be very careful with everything that is placed up at the column, and he felt this would be accepted by the City Park Board and the City Council. if we would place the monument either to the right or left of the first set of steps up to the column. This ground rises at a 45° angle and the monument could be placed level with this ground, where it would be seen by all who approach the column.

MOTION NO. 1: It was moved by Fred Andrus, and seconded by Russell Bristow that we approve the wording for the monument to John Friend Chitwood, as presented by Dick Thompson.

There followed a rather lengthy discussion, with several suggestions for changes



in the legend to be placed on the monument. Following the discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Fred Andrus until an acceptable change is made, and the withdrawal of motion was accepted by Russell Bristow.

MOTION NO. 2: It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Russell Bristow that we approve the following legend for the monument to John Friend Chitwood, as presented by Dick Thompson and revised by the Advisory Committee membership: "In Memory of John Friend Chitwood 1839 - 1920 Known as the "Father of Coxcomb Hill", he advocated a monument on this site to honor the Lewis & Clark expedition. In 1880 he blazed a trail and in 1915 completed a wagon road to the summit." Motion carried.

Dick Thompson will bring material to the secretary, with suggestions for writing to the City of Astoria Park Board and the City Council. This letter will request permission to place a flat granite marker, 42" x 28" on the grassy slope North of the steps leading from the main parking area to the Column. (Pictures will be enclosed.) This marker would be set at lawn level, in a bed of concrete and would be virtually maintenance free.

Through much discussion by the Advisory Committee members, it was suggested by George Fulton that a Resolution be adopted by the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee members, noting the years of faithful service of Wm B. Foster to the Clatsop County Historical Society, both as a member and officer, and to the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee, as a working member on several committees; therefore, it is the desire of the Members of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee to acknowledge these years of service through their gift to the Clatsop County Historical Society in memory of Wm B. Foster, deceased. (At the close of the meeting, an amount totalling \$20.00 was accepted from the individual members, which sum of money will accompany the Resolution, which will be forwarded to Mrs. May Miller of the Clatsop County Historical Society.)

During the evening a discussion was held on the County Historical Maps, and

the cost to individuals and/or agencies. The amount of 50¢ was still acceptable as the price of a single copy, with 25¢ each being the price in lots of 100 copies. However, there are some restaurants who would like to use them as placemats, and it was felt, by these people, that the price of 25¢ per copy is too high for the quantity they would need. Following the discussion, the matter came up for motion from the floor.

MOTION NO. 3: It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Carl Labiske that we sell the Clatsop County Historical Maps for the sum of 15¢ per map in lots of 1,000. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on Shark House, a log cabin which was built by the survivors of the Sloop Shark. Mr. Dark feels there should be a memorial provided on the spot where this cabin stood. This is on the corner of 9th and Astor Streets. This matter will be discussed further, at a later date.

Chairman Russell Dark also presented the collection of pictures he had obtained, which had been in the possession of Burnby Bell, asking the members for identification, should any of them be familiar to the members.

Commission Albert Palmer brought up the old Fisher Hotel, which Trygve Duoos said was the old Louvre Hotel. This building burned down. A short discussion followed on the matter, and Chairman Russell Dark said he will check further into the matter.

There being nothing further to come before the membership at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith".

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 18, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Ted Stokes, Fred Andrus, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Betty Snow, Philippa Mardesich, Russell Dark, Hiram Johnson, and Helen C. Griffith, & Robert K. Sutton. Also in attendance were Loretta Bonnell and Lee Bonnell and James and Norma McKain. Commissioner Orvo Nikula found it possible to be at the meeting tonight.

There being no objection to the minutes they were approved as presented.

Chairman Russell Dark presented Bob Miller before the committee. Mr. Miller discussed the memorial to the fishermen and the preparation of a marker. The Committee liked the idea, presented by Mr. Miller, of putting up the flags of the Scandinavian countries and the United States flag. One objection to this might be that they would have to be placed somewhere where the flags can be cared for each day. Suggested as a part of the legend would be the comment, "Sail on. You live in our memories". Mr. Miller said the monument would be 12 feet end to end and 8 feet high. Chairman Russell Dark mentioned having talked with Mr. Blair of the Rotary Club, who said their plans are set to put up the flags at the 'Y', which program is set.

A general discussion followed, on the monument to the fishermen. It was suggested that the flags, as mentioned by Mr. Miller, be carved right into the monument and then they could be painted.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on Shark House monument. We have permission to put the monument or marker at the corner of 9th and Astor. The only consideration which must be given is to the size of the marker. Mr. Dark explained what the Shark House was. He stated that Shark Point was at 9th and Astor Streets and the Shark House stood there about fifteen years; then, it was pulled down and the Parker House was built in its place. This is the S.W. corner of 9th and Astor Streets in Astoria.

Chairman Russell Dark brought up the meeting the State Board of Forestry held here on Friday night. Jim Fisher, of the State Department of Forestry explained, at

the Friday night meeting, what the State wishes to do about telling the forest story in Clatsop County. He said they plan to mandate our Clatsop County Forest in the State of Oregon so the State Legislature can't take part of the funds from the sale of our forest products.

Hiram Johnson explained what the Board of Forestry had in mind with reference to the timber story. The State would like to have, working on this program, all leaders in business and all levels of government, students, and other concerned citizens.

Chairman Dark said he had already given the State of Oregon the story of the Hunt Mill at Bradwood, the Bear Valley Railroad that the Trullingers put up in 1888, the Welch Mill here in 1846, and others.

Chairman Russell Dark asked for new projects from the floor. There were no comments or suggestions at this time, but the members will give some thought to the request.

Bob Sutton, reported by Mr. Dark, just recently came to Fort Stevens Park from Salem. They are going to be setting up the visitors program. Should we wish to get in touch with Mr. Sutton, the address is P. O. Box 192, Hammond, Oregon, and the Telephone Number is 861-2000. Mr. Sutton mentioned they are looking for guns to place in the gun emplacements at Fort Stevens. Mr. Dark again mentioned Bill Puustinen's letter with reference to the gun he had found in Alaska.

Commissioner Orvo Nikula was in charge of H Station at Battery Russell and he can get some information on the 10 inch rifles for Mr. Sutton. Ted Stokes mentioned he had also served at Fort Stevens.

Betty Snow mentioned that they are still interested in getting a marker at the foot of Hug Point road. Mrs. Snow asked if we would have to go through the Oregon Historical Society or not. This project was begun by Betty Snow and Margaret Green and Betty said she would like to see us finish the project. This matter will be given further consideration by the membership.



Philippa Mardesich asked if Bruce Berney, who is supposed to represent the Historical Society on the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee, is working with us or on his own? She stated that she has observed, recently, that he is acting on these housing markings on his own, and this happens to be a project of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that our bank balance in the Bank of Astoria is \$1,161.88 at the current moment.

Mr. Dark reported having made reproductions of pictures from Mr. Wedekind's collections. These pictures are in the possession of Mr. Wedekind's daughter, Gertrude Uhrbrand Wright.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, it was moved by Commissioner Orvo Nikula and seconded by Ted Stokes that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith".

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 16, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Lawanda Dark, Trygve Duoos, Ted Stokes, Russell Bristow, Dr. Ed Harvey, Carl Labiske, Philippa Mardesich, and Helen C. Griffith. Members George Fulton and Hiram C. Johnson unable to attend.

Chairman Dark mentioned he was expecting Darrell Davis of Pier 11 and Bob Miller of Seaside to appear before the committee before the evening is over.

Mr. Dark read correspondence received from Mrs. Ed Tucker of Snohomish Historical Society, Snohomish, Washington; Tony M. Woodchek of Portland, Oregon regarding Ingalls' book; letter from Joseph A. Strickland of Bakersfield, California regarding his parents whereabouts and some history on him.

At this time Darrell Davis appeared and was presented to the Committee by Chairman Russell Dark. Mr. Davis, of Pier 11, has consented to our placing the monument to the fishermen on his property at Pier 11. He mentioned they are building a bridge at 10th Street and felt this would be a good place to install it, since he is planning on putting in a mini park with some benches installed. Mr. Davis said there will be lighting out there at night and someone around most of the time. This Pier 11 building was formerly the Lower Columbia Dairy Association Feed Store building and previous to that time, the dock. In the early days the dock was built by George Flavel.

Philippa Mardesich asked when we could have this monument completed? Mr. Dark said Mr. Miller had told him he could have it completed in two months, after being given the go ahead by the Committee.

Mr. Davis said that if nothing further holds him up he expects to have the opening of Pier 11 about the first of June.

The members of the Committee are to go down to Pier 11 and look the area over before we make a definite decision. Chairman Russell Dark thanked Darrell Davis for coming and for making the offer. It was greatly appreciated.



At this point Chairman Russell Dark continued with the correspondence. He had received a letter from Watt Espey in California, requesting information regarding hangings held in Clatsop County. Mr. Dark sent xerox copies of the records on the two hangings, held here, to Mr. Espey.

Chairman Dark mentioned having discussed the state's participation in marking Editor Rock, Merriwether Point, and Hug Point, but received no definite promises on anything.

It was mentioned that the Wage House at Jewell should be marked, if the owners will let us do so. The lady who owns the home lives in Portland. Mr. Dark believes the lady's name is Peschl.

Mr. Dark had visited with Mrs. Gertrude Wedekind Uhrbrand Wright, and subsequently copied 25 or 30 of her pictures.

Trygve Duoos and Russell Dark talked about the Pythian building. Company C of the Oregon National Guard met in this building.

Russell Dark brought up the matter of the Historical Map sales. Roy Hammond of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce thought they would be wanting 1,000 and Joe Camberg of Fiesta Restaurant wants 1,000 copies. These will be sold to them on the volume price. We still have about 8,000 maps left.

Dr. Ed Harvey mentioned his visits to Maine when he goes East. They always stay with friends. He commented on the preservation of the buildings in that area and then suggested the committee mark the old original electric fabrication shop, which is on the old Lee Wooden property. This was the first electric generator out there.

Ed Harvey also mentioned he is back in the house marking business. He couldn't get the aluminum from one company, but he understand he can get the aluminum free from another company and will soon be back at marking. He will be receiving assistance from the young men who helped him before.

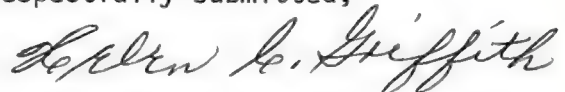
Chairman Russell Dark said we should mark the Trullinger Mill Site, which was located between the highway and the bank on Taylor Avenue, West of First Street, in Awtoria. This would be about half way between the Half Way House and the River Shore Motel. The mill had four light bulbs and they ran the generator for this.

Trygve Duoos talked about marking the house near Harry Swanson's home, which would be the old home left by the Nielsen girls - Johanna and Margaret. This house is now owned by Chris and Jennie Thompson.

Russell Bristow asked if the committee ever considered m-rking saunas. The Bristows have the oldest Finnish sauna still in operation; for it is about 65 years old. It is not old enough to be considered an historical site.

There being nothing further to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned for the summer, with the next regular meeting to come in September unless an emergency should arise, in which case the committee would be called together by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 19, 1977

As a matter of record, there was no meeting held in June, 1977, and the minutes of the April and May, 1977 meetings were to be prepared and mailed to the members prior to the September meeting.

The September meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were:	Bill Puustinen	Dr. Ed Harvey
	Russell Bristow	Fred Andrus
	Trygve Duoos	Margaret Green
	Dorothy Wootton	Philippa Mardesich
	Lawanda Dark	Russell Dark
	Ted Stokes	Helen C. Griffith
	George C. Fulton	

Also in attendance was a guest, Rick Meiner, a candidate for Doctor of Anthropology, who is looking for Indian shell beds and artifacts.

The minutes for April and May were approved as mailed to the members, with one correction to be made. In the May, 1977 minutes, Page Two, Paragraph Two, the words 'Editor Rock' are to be deleted.

Chairman Dark mentioned hearing from Mr. Watt Espey again, wherein he had told of a legal hanging of an Indian here. The two hangings Chairman Dark had sent on to Mr. Espey were on a Mr. Hansel who had shot Judge Taylor and a Mr. Hanson who had beaten his wife to death.

It was reported by the Chairman that the matter of the Chitwood Monument comes up for approval of the City Council tonight. When this matter is approved Dick Thompson will go ahead with the setting of the stone. Chairman Dark asked for suggestions for a ceremony on the Chitwood monument, when it is completed.

The chairman talked with Dave Talbot today with reference to our historical maps, and their use by the state, and possible assistance in payment for them by the state. Mr. Talbot said there is no money in the budget for such things.

Indian Camp Sites mentioned, that are in Clatsop County, are Indian Beach, Indian Place, an area at Knappa reported on by Bob Ziak, and one mentioned by Russell Dark that is out near Walluski which D.L.C. belonged to Metz and was apparently in an Indian village area. Also, it was mentioned there are several in

Washington.

The matter of pulp grinding stones at Youngs River Falls were brought up. Chairman Dark requested that something be done to preserve these and the matter is on the agenda for tonight's City Council meeting. There is one stone at the Flavel House, one at the Smithsonian, one at the Crown Zellerbach office in Portland, and one in Salem. There were supposedly six of them originally. Chairman Dark reported on how these arrived in this area. The mill was used until 1903. Roadmaster John Dooley said he can get these two stones now for us, but the question is, where would be put them? They could be stored until we can locate the proper place for them.

Committee members also discussed the Youngs River Falls area and what caused the spoilage of the falls.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Margaret Green and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee get the two remaining mill stones, storing them at the County Shop until such time as final determination is made for permanent placement. Motion carried unanimously.

During the discussion on the matter of these mill stones, the members expressed the feeling that possibly these stones should be placed at the Historical Museum.

FISHERMEN'S MONUMENT:

The matter of the monument to be erected to the fishermen in this area, came up for discussion. Trygve Duoos says that the more he looks at this Pier 11 site, the less he likes it.

Dr. Harvey mentioned the River Clipper Barber Shop where there is a spot where this monument could be raised. It possibly could be placed upon the top of a vault which Dr. Harvey thought was in a former cannery building. It was suggested that Bob Miller be contacted to come and look at all these sites mentioned, including the Port property.



Chairman Russell Dark mentioned the American Legion Convention coming to this area next year. They will no doubt fill all available sleeping accommodations for they have figured there would be approximately 1,500 people.

Chairman Dark reported that a small piece of the granite we had was taken by the American Legion and a monument was erected to Peter Slustrop, the oldest Legionnaire in this area. Mr. Slustrop just recently died. This monument was erected at Cannon Beach.

George Fulton brought up the Fishermen's Memorial and said he feels we should not be in a hurry to select a site; the Port property 'turns him off'. Mr. Fulton mentioned two places as possible sites - one being the old Tidewater Oil area, to be levelled off and then one near the Portway.

Fred Andrus mentioned the young architect from Portland who is figuring possible spots for small parks, etc. He will be here in about two weeks.

Mr. Dark said that meanwhile he would contact Mr. Miller.

Russell Bristow said that with reference to such sites for a memorial, he would like to look around a bit before we decide what we want and where we want it.

When asked about obtaining the big guns which had been mentioned at an earlier time, Bill Puustinen said he had heard nothing further on the guns from the Governor of Alaska. Mr. Puustinen will again contact the Governor. The gun we are interested in is on St. Joseph's Island near Juneau. Mr. Puustinen felt that if we would 'jack' up the Board of Forestry perhaps something might come of it. Mr. Puustinen says he will have his brother in Alaska check on this matter of the gun.

#### MARKING OF HOUSES:

Dr. Harvey said he has received many requests for the markers, and hopes he has aluminum coming. Dr. Harvey says he has made at least twelve calls to Portland since May. Chairman Russell Dark asked Dr. Harvey if he had the Hahn House for marking. It was built in 1880. It is yellow and white trim, and is located just East of a fallen down apartment house about 4th and Bond Streets.

Dr. Harvey says he is the co-author now of the walking tour of homes and will be getting it together soon.

Chairman Russell Dark, in going through the early records of Clatsop County, found some Articles of Incorporation mentioning the fact that the Fulton family had been involved in a legal matter.

Dr. Harvey reported that Arvid Wuonola has been charging \$10.00 per sign and he felt this was too much, since this is just for the lettering.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting at this time, it was moved by Trygve Duoos and seconded by Fred Andrus that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 16, 1978

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In Attendance were:	Clarence Sigurdson	Carl Labiske
	Fred Andrus	Dr. Ed Harvey
	Russell Dark	George C. Fulton
	Ted Stokes	Helen C. Griffith.

HISTORICAL MAPS:

Chairman Dark reported on the maps, saying that the American Legion has agreed to take 1,000 of the maps to be used as placemats during the convention. The delegates to the Auxiliary will receive a copy of same, which will take another 1,000. The Thunderbird Restaurant has said they can use 500 more, Chris' News has asked for more copies of the map, and Joe Camberg is interested in some of the maps and Chairman Dark will check with Mr. Camberg again as to the number of them he would wish to have.

Russell Dark talked with Gil Rogers of the Shell Oil Company, finding they are trying to buy property in Young's River Valley. Mr. Rogers also mentioned the property of the Sorensen Logging Company. George Fulton thought that a kid about his age, whose name was Leo, had Sorensen Logging. Mr. Dark mentioned William McGregor as having something to do with the logging company. The company was incorporated in 1895 and was out Knappa way.

Chairman Russell Dark made a financial report on our account in the Bank of Astoria. The Chitwood monument has been paid for, with a check in the sum of \$225.00 going to the Astoria Granite Works. We have a current balance of \$1177.77 in the bank, including the interest on the last quarter.

Mr. Dark had negatives of Nehalem Valley scenes and people and had 80 of the best of them recopied. They are now out at Rierson's for identification.

Clarence Sigurdson said he will be bringing copies of the negatives of the Seaside Fire.

A discussion was held with reference to erecting a monument to Solomon H. Smith at the place where the Mission had stood on the Ridge Road. Chairman Russell Dark had talked with Dick Thompson about the granite for such a monument and Dick said he

still has a good piece to use. The monument would be erected on stainless steel posts, which are filled with concrete, and sunk in solid concrete. This way the monument would be above the ground.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Ted Stokes that we proceed with the erection of the Solomon H. Smith Monument, which would be where the Mission had stood on the Ridge Road. Motion carried.

Chairman Dark had copied the map of the Mission, which showed where the main building and five other small buildings stood. George Fulton asked if any of it was still visible and Mr. Dark said that Ned Thorndike had seen it shortly before he died so he feels it shouldn't be too far out of sight.

Chairman Dark read a possible legend for the monument to Solomon H. Smith. George Fulton said it sounded good and was just about as brief as you could get it.

HISTORICAL HOMES MARKERS:

Dr. Ed Harvey reported he will have 36 markers. He has received the metal, taken them out to Miles Crossing to the IED office and hoped they would paint them all white. Dr. Harvey has been trying to get in touch with Chuck Dymond. Dr. Harvey asked if anyone knew of someone who does lettering and would do it for less than the \$10.00 figure charged by Wuonola. Dr. Harvey would like to know about it.

It was suggested that a stencil could be cut and the paint put on that way; however, Clarence Sigurdson said that way there is a possibility of smearing the paint. Fred Andrus and Ed Harvey both said that if it was done carefully, the paint shouldn't be smeared.

George Fulton suggested that Caroline Young be contacted. He felt she could suggest someone who might do the work on the signs for Ed.

General discussion was held on the ship Galena. It was mentioned that the Stoner Brothers helped with the dismantling of the ship and they lived on the ship while it was being wrecked. Steel was hauled from there to Warrenton. Clarence Sigurdson was positive that Alec Bremner had obtained a load of the things from the



inside of the ship, in the way of furniture, such as the back bar.

Ted Stokes proposed a site and marker be arranged for the Angora Club, since they were organized on July 4, 1920 and have been meeting in the City Park since July, 1920. Mr. Stokes suggested that a monument to the Angoras be placed at the old City Park or at the base of Saddle Mountain in the State Park, where they had held their meetings.

FISHERMEN'S MARKER:

Chairman Russell Dark reported he has received no answer to his two letters to Bob Miller. This was in answer to George Fulton's question as to where we are in this matter.

MILL STONES AT YOUNGS RIVER FALLS:

The matter of a couple of the 1800 pound mill stones, which would be good for monuments at Youngs River Falls, was brought up, with a general discussion following. (You may wish to refer back to previous minutes on this matter, also.) Chairman Dark says he has permission from the Astoria City Council to obtain these stones. These were stones used in the grinding of pulp.

PICTURES FOR LOBBY OF COURTHOUSE:

George Fulton asked about the pictures which Russell Dark was having prepared for hanging in the lobby of the Court House. Chairman Dark says he has the pictures; however, they need framing. They are 16" x 20" pictures. Mr. Dark was told by the Commissioners they were planning on redecorating the lobby of the Court House, so Chairman Dark has done nothing further.

George Fulton asked if we were going to do anything on the Angora Club monument. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Carl Labiske thought that the proper place for such a marker would be at Saddle Mountain State Park at the base of the mountain.

A short discussion was held on Shark Rock.

There being nothing further to come before the members, it was moved by Fred Andrus that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Ted Stokes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, *Helen G. Griffith*, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 17, 1978

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: George Fulton, Margaret Green  
Russell Bristow, Dorothy Wootton  
Carl Labiske, Lawanda Dark  
Albert Palmer, Commissioner Philippa Mardesich  
Russell Dark, Chairman Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

It was suggested that the committee select and mark the oldest building in the City - the old Standard Oil Company building.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by George Fulton that the Standard Oil Company building be marked as the oldest standing public building, unless an earlier one is discovered. Motion carried.

Chairman Russell Dark will take care of the above matter.

Dorothy Wootton asked if Mr. Miller had been hear from. The Committee has heard nothing yet. Jim Bergeron had offered to do the fishermen's monument if Mr. Miller is not interested in completing the job. We have not found, as yet, who owns the property where it is suggested the monument be placed. This is a piece of property just West of the Maritime Museum and East of the Doctor's office. Chairman Dark will report back at the next meeting who owns the property.

Jim Bergeron is to be asked to be present at our next meeting and bring a sample of his work.

The Wildlife Commission met Saturday night, April 15, 1978, at the Middle School and Chairman Russell Dark talked with Bob Ziak. Mr. Ziak has located another Indian grave in Knappa area. Mr. Ziak recalled, also, the grave site that Fannie Dempsie mentioned. Mrs. Dempsie said it was fifteen minutes from her home on Tennesillie Island. The Indians called it Menealoose.

Commissioner Albert W. Palmer, upon request of Russell Dark, reported on the oil discovery on his place. Mr. Palmer says there has been seepage of oil on the acreage for many years.

Chairman Dark brought up the matter of the monument for Solomon Smith and the Methodist Mission. Dick Thompson has located an ideal spot on a little rise West of the Ridge Road. The Committee felt Dick's suggestion could be considered a proper spot to erect said monument.

A report was made on the visit by the county employees to the Historical Museum, at the invitation of the Clatsop County Historical Society. The meeting was very informative and the tour delightful.

George Fulton brought up the matter of the membership, asking if the current membership should be reappointed. As a matter of record, the members are appointed,



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to serve until further order of the Board. Mr. Fulton wishes the County Commission to be apprised of the matter and suggestions be followed through for additional members to the committee.

Secretary Helen Griffith was late in appearing for the meeting, having visited with member Hiram C. Johnson, who has been ill. Mr. Johnson sent greetings to all and suggested they keep up the good work.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the meeting stood adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 21, 1978

"Twas a dark and stormy night." The four members, and one late comer, who managed to make it through the storm voted at 7:45 P. M. to adjourn to their various homes to watch Monday night football.

Those who dared to venture out that evening were: Trygve Duoos, Ted Stokes, Fred Andrus, Russell Dark, and George Fulton.

Submitted by,

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Russell Dark, Chairman

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of December 19, 1978

The meeting was called off due to the nearness of Christmas and the resulting lack of a possible quorum.

Submitted by,

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Russell Dark, Chairman



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 19, 1981

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the Board Room of the Court House, Astoria, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, due to the untimely death of the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: George Fulton  
Trygve Duops  
Gloria Richards, Museum Director for Clatsop County Historical Society  
Philippa Mardesich  
Mary Mason  
Roger Tetlow  
Sam Foster, President of Clatsop County Historical Society  
Roger Berg, Clatsop County Commissioner  
Don Church, Clatsop County Commissioner  
Helen C. Griffith

Acting Chairman George Fulton asked for ten seconds of silence in honor of our Chairman, Russell Dark, now deceased.

The secretary reported a floral tribute having been sent to the funeral service from the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Fulton discussed, with those present, the matter of the membership and possibly changing the form or the language of the Purposes of this committee and asked that everyone come to the meeting in February with ideas and suggestions of new members and methods of conduct of the committee. Mr. Fulton felt that there was no reason that the membership could not be enlarged, and that we should consider that a simple majority be enough to conduct a meeting or that those members present be allowed to conduct the month's meeting.

Gloria Richards, Director of the Clatsop County Historical Museum, suggested that to succeed we need the assistance and recommendations of various agencies and historians throughout the county and volunteered to assist the Advisory Committee in that capacity.

Sam Foster suggested that perhaps Gloria Richards could go over Russell Dark's belongings to see what should be done with them; however, Lawanda Dark is not yet ready to be involved in such a program and the Advisory Committee would not wish to upset her. Mrs. Dark may already have the knowledge of what Russell Dark had planned to do with his historical records.

Gloria Richards will call all Historical Agencies and have representatives at the next meeting.

Acting Chairman Fulton asked if the committee should go ahead with the meeting tonight or wait until next meeting, and the decision was made to go ahead, using a simple majority as the acting body.

Sam Foster, PRESIDENT of the Clatsop County Historical Society, said the February meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Cannon Beach and probably at the Coaster Theater, on the second Wednesday, February 11, and the program will be on the Tillamook Light House. Mr. Foster invited all members of the Advisory Committee to attend.

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The Committee agreed that the matter of the membership and voting privileges be brought up at the February meeting.

The matter of the marker memorializing the fishermen who lost their lives came before the Committee again and it was suggested that perhaps Art Paquet, head of the Otter Trawl Commission, might be able to supply the committee with information and materials for the marker.

It was Bob Miller of Seaside who presented a suggested drawing for the marker memorializing the lost fishermen.

Sam Foster suggested that since there are many artists in Cannon Beach, George Fulton might present the thought to these people at the Historical Society meeting, asking if anyone might have a suggestions for a fishermen's marker.

Acting Chairman George Fulton said there are two matters that need our immediate attention. The First one is the matter of new members and the Second matter is that of an election of officers.

Mary Mason asked if there was any advice or suggestion as to where help could be given to the Knappa Cemetery, after the reported vandalism. As far as is known, there is no program for that project, unless individuals might like to contact someone in that area and ask what is being done.

Sam Foster said we need publicity and suggested we start off with the monument to the lost fishermen.

Trygve Duoos mentioned the fact that the 400 men lost in the storm in Baker's Bay, proved not to be that number, but a much smaller group. Mr. Duoos said that Mr. Jensen of CRFPU said that 30 or 40 men, members of the union, were lost on the river since May 1st. If this happened every year, there must have been literally thousands.

Sam Foster suggested that perhaps a wheel that is up at the Maritime Museum might come to us and perhaps the money in our account would help fund this marker.

Trygve Duoos said there were several suggestions as to places where this marker might be placed.

George Fulton said there should be a fish boat used as a marker somewhere in the county.

A discussion was held concerning the Historical Map put out by the Committee, through the diligent work of Russell Dark, and consider the possibility of extending the market for them.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, and with the reminder that those members not present tonight be contacted to see if they wish to remain active members, Acting Chairman George Fulton adjourned the meeting, to meet again on February 16.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



February 16, 1981

The meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton.

In attendance were: Roger Tetlow, Mary Mason, Philippa Mardesich, Dr. Ed Harvey, Sam Foster, George Fulton, and Helen Griffith. Also in attendance was Harold Dahlgren, who was to present a number of matters of interest to the Committee.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Mary Mason and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman, George Fulton, stated that he had asked Harold Dahlgren to come to the meeting for the purpose of giving suggestions as to the work of this committee.

Mr. Dahlgren suggested marking the old military trail. This matter had come before the committee previously, and much discussion was held.

Dr. Harvey said there was a marker at this end, but Sam Foster says it has been destroyed.

Dr. Harvey thought the end of the military trail was on Highway 26 but Harold Dahlgren says it comes into 39th Street in Astoria. This latter 'end of trail' was earlier corroborated by Carl Labiske and Russell Dark.

Documentation of the steam railroad that used to run around Smith's Point, was brought up. Mr. Dahlgren says Harold Stoner could be a good source of information and probably has some pictures. It ran from the end of Taylor Avenue and circled around the hill, and he believes went as far as Williamsport.

Another item, brought up by Mr. Dahlgren, was the Centennial Celebration in 1911. Mr. Dahlgren also mentioned that the Drum Corps, at that time, was underwritten by Harry Hoefler and said drum corps was the official representative at the 1911 Rose Show Parade in Portland. Mr. Dahlgren said he carried a drum in the parade and still has same.

Also mentioned was the marking of the site where the play 'Bridge of the Gods' was performed in 1911. Fire was burned on the river East of the pavilion at the Bridge of the Gods.

Another artifact in Harold Dahlgren's possession is a cast iron grist mill brought out to the Nehalem Valley by the Deeds family. It actually ground the first meal used in the Nehalem Valley for the first settlers. Deeds carried the mill from Astoria to the valley by saddle horse.

Mr. Dahlgren also mentioned he has, in his home, a 1904 City Directory. Mary Mason says the library has a copy also.

The Committee members discussed the matter of membership and a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Attendance has been very bad recently, and several of the members are unable to attend. Acting Chairman George Fulton felt the Committee is only as good as the projects we work upon, and the committee agreed.

Dr. Ed Harvey is asking Carol Seppa and Anita Englund to assist him in looking for houses to be marked.

Mr. Dahlgren mentioned the Marconi Wireless station established about 1908.

It was one of the most powerful stations on the West Coast. It was located on top of what we now call 'wireless hill' and Mr. Swazey was an operator. It was located near Dr. Browning's home. One of the legs of the tower was on the spot of Brownings' home. The Amateur Radio League might like to put up such a marker, if it were suggested to them.

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Dr. Ed Harvey and seconded by Mary Mason that this committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the membership of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee be revised and an Order be drawn naming the following as the now active committee:

Denzel L. (Lee) Bonnell	Helen Spicer Griffith
Loretta Bonnell	Dr. E. W. Harvey
Russell G. Bristow	Carl Labiske
Trygve Duoos	Philippa Mardesich
Sam Foster, President of Clatsop County Historical Society	Mary Mason
George C. Fulton	Roger Tetlow

and

Ex-Officio Members: Gloria Richards, Director Clatsop County Historical Society  
Bob Scott, Superintendent Fort Clatsop National Memorial  
Sue Scully, Historian for Fort Stevens  
Clatsop County Commissioners

Motion discussed, question called for, and motion carried unanimously.

Following acceptance of the recommendation, the secretary will forward letters to the Committee members and a notice of the next meeting.

Acting Chairman George Fulton mentioned he would not be with us at the March meeting, because of a trip to Africa with his family, but that we should elect officers in any event.

Also, Harold Dahlgren is to be notified of the March meeting.

The secretary reported attending the February 11 meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Society, which was held in Cannon Beach. Sam Foster conducted the meeting, which was an historical review, by prose and pictures, of the hundred years of the Tillamook Rock Light House. Very interesting and informative. Also attending were County Commissioners Bob Westerberg and Don R. Church, as well as several Historical Advisory Committee members who also belong to the Clatsop County Historical Society.

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



*Helen Griffith*



# CLATSOP COUNTY

Courthouse . . . . . Astoria, Oregon 97103

March 10, 1981

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee  
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Order Revising Membership

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a copy of the minutes of the February 16, 1981 Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting, which includes a recommendation to the Board for revision of the membership of this committee.

Upon acceptance of our recommendation and receipt of a copy of the Order, we shall notify the committee members and an election of officers will be held.

Until such time, our Vice Chairman, George Fulton, will continue as Acting Chairman of the committee.

Following the death of Russell Dark the Advisory Committee discussed the poor attendance at the meetings and the apparent lack of interest in Clatsop County's history. It was felt a 'shot in the arm' was needed, and this could best be accomplished by canvassing the members, finding out those who really wished to continue as members, on an active basis, and ask for a revision in the membership; in other words, starting over. Russell Dark had been such an ardent worker, with reference to historical matters, that the members tended to sit back and let him do all the work.

The Committee, through Mr. Fulton, had asked a guest to attend this past meeting and will be continuing to do so through the coming months. Each guest will be someone who has part of Clatsop County's history to share, and from these visits the committee will have a part of history to investigate and see to its inclusion in the permanent records of the county.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation, and we shall be awaiting your consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary  
Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee



# CLATSOP COUNTY

Courthouse . . . . Astoria, Oregon 97103

March 12, 1981

TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CLATSOP COUNTY  
HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Members and Friends:

Enclosed to you herewith is a copy of the minutes for the February 16, 1981 meeting of the Advisory Committee. Please read them and then include in your file.

The March meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee will be held in the District Court Room, ground level of Court House, Astoria at 7:30 P. M.

It is hoped that you will find it possible to attend, and should you have a friend interested in our county's history, bring him or her along.

The reason for the change in meeting place this month, is due to the remodelling of the Board Room and Information/Mail Room. We should be back in the Board Room for our April meeting.

Thank you for your interest and attendance.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary  
P.O.Box 179  
Astoria, Oregon 97103

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April 18, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the chairman pro-tem, Alta Schalk, in the absence of Arthur Dempsie, regular chairman.

A motion was made by George Fulton and seconded by Irene Alstadt that the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with as all members had received a copy by mail. Motion passed by usual sign.

The copy of the Ballot measure to be voted upon by the voters of Clatsop County May 24th to create a County Historical Fund was read by the Secretary.

The secretary read a letter from Paul Tolonen, in which he declined, with regret, his appointment as a member of the County Historical Advisory Committee; giving as his reasons too many previous commitments to Clatsop College and other community organizations.

Mrs. Schalk mentioned that Dr. Ed Harvey, who was unable to attend this evening because of illness, had called her and asked that some thought be given to listing historical sites throughout the county so that this committee can at sometime in the near future recommend to the Clatsop County Commission that some type of map-brochure marking historic sites throughout the county be printed and the funds for such be made available. Discussion of historical sites to be marked in the future followed.

A motion was made by George Fulton and seconded by Russell Bristow that the County Commission urge the state highway commission to mark the following Historical locations:

1. Logging Tunnel at Westport
2. Pioneer Cemetery at Clatsop Plains
3. First Grist Mill in Nehalem Valley. Motion carried.

A list of important historical sites to be marked at other future dates was started. They are as follows:

- Clifton (First Salmon Cannery on Columbia River)
- Old Clifton one-room school house
- Logging Flume at Taylorville
- Locate Sites of early canneries
- Locate Sites of early Saw Mills

Locate Sites of early Pulpmills  
Locate Sites of early Gristmills  
Locate Sites of early Sailor's Boarding House and Shanghai Sites  
First site of electrical plant (Trullinger's Saw Mill) now site of Rascoe's  
Service Station  
First Mission  
Olney Landing  
Old Cistern at First Mission (1840)  
First House (Solomon Smith's) Ridge Road  
Skipanon Landing  
Ben Holladay's Stage Coach Inn at Skipanon Landing  
Old Astoria China Town  
Military Roads  
Flavel Docks and Hotel  
First Light House  
Battery Russell and old Civil War date Battery

Mrs. Schalk urged all members to list sites as they come to mind to bring with them to our next meeting.

It was suggested to Hiram Johnson, Clatsop County Commissioner present, that the County Commissioner's Secretary remind Historical Advisory Members either by telephone call or card 2 or 3 days in advance of the calling of a meeting.

Members present: Mrs. George Altstadt, Capt. Jack DeSassise, Ned Thorndike, Charles Dodge, George Fulton, Hiram Johnson, Richard Carruthers Jr., Russell Bristow, and Alta Schalk.

A motion was made by Mrs. Altstadt and seconded by Richard Carruthers that the meeting be adjourned, passed by the usual sign.

Next meeting to be 8 P. M., May 16th, in Commission Chambers.

Signed,

*Alta Schalk*

Secretary



Listing of Sites of Historical Interest in Clatsop County:

1. Site of Parker House, 25 9th Street, Astoria
2. Site of Occident Hotel, Astoria
3. Tongue Point Fort, Astoria area
4. Satsop Indian Village
5. Russian Point Village
6. Paper Mill - Youngs River Falls area
7. Bay Ferry Landing
8. Charley Gardens 1, 23
9. Tickly Smith site
10. Wreck of U. S. S. Shark, Cannon Beach
11. Elk Creek (Ekola)
12. Tillamook Head
13. Salt Cairn, Seaside
14. Cullaby Lake (Chief, grandson of red-head)
15. Neacoxie Creek (West from Cullaby)
16. Clatsop Plains Presbyterian Church 1846-50  
Lewis Thompson - W. H. Gray
17. Clatsop Plains Pioneer Cemetery  
Solomon Smith - Celiast Smith, daughter of Chief Coboway
18. Smith Mission - Jason Lee established
19. Marker denoting spot of Japanese shelling of Oregon Coast during WWII -1942
20. Peter Iredale - Ship grounded 1906
21. Point Adams Light House, on SW 40 acres of Ft. Stevens up to 1899  
Burned in 1912 after Tillamook Head and North Jetty Light
22. Ft. Stevens, 1860 with Columbia and Canby
23. Hammond, A. B. - Indian descendants
24. Warrenton - George Warren
25. Fort Clatsop (National Memorial)
26. Youngs Bay (?)
27. Astor Column
28. Fort Astoria & First Cemetery - John Day 1813, Don McTavish '14
29. First Post Office West of the Rockies - Established in 1847 by John M. Shively
30. First Customs House, established 1849 by John Adair  
Point between Leif Erickson Drive & Franklin Avenue
31. Flavel House & 14 others (?)
32. Tongue Point Naval Station
33. Knappa and Indian Houses
34. Clifton Holly Tree

35. Westport Tunnel
36. Astoria Pioneer Cemetery
37. Indian Place in Seaside
38. Bear Woman's Grave at Columbia Beach
39. Old Bill Hotel at Cannon Beach
40. Sailor's Grave at the Cove in Seaside
41. Old Military Road and Cemetery near Elsie
42. Site of Ben Holladay House in Seaside
43. Lexington (site of the first County Seat)
44. Seaside dig and artifacts



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes - May 18, 1981

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, George Fulton, at 7:40 P. M.

In attendance were: Carl Labiske                      George Fulton  
                         Sam Foster                      Mary Mason  
                         Philippa Mardesich              Russell Bristow  
                         Helen Griffith

Minutes of the previous meeting, April 20, 1981, were approved as presented.

Chairman Fulton reported that the monkey tree at the Ed Lund home, which had been reported destroyed, was not cut down.

Discussion was held on the signs for the old military road and the Westport Tunnel.

MOTION NO. 1:

It was moved by Russell Bristow and seconded by Carl Labiske that this Committee recommend an Order be drawn transferring the \$500 in the Advisory Committee account to the Clatsop County Road Department for the purpose of paying for the cleaning of the Westport Tunnel as well as cleaning, repairing, and replacing the historical signs in the county. Motion carried unanimously.

The above motion came out of the discussion on signs and cleaning areas already marked, such as the sign at the south end of the military road on Highway 26, refurbishing the sign at the Westport Tunnel, cleaning up the entrance to the Westport Tunnel, maintaining the Delaura Beach Marker, Solomon Smith Marker, and providing and placing various signs throughout the county. The suggestion was made that all the signs should be uniform throughout the county. It is not known at this time just what the entire cost will be, but the Committee felt that it would cost at least the amount shown in the Advisory Committee's account.

Chairman George Fulton mentioned an article he had seen, about Gloucester putting up a companion marker to the fishermen marker, which would be in honor of the fishermen's wives, which marker would be a woman holding a baby and looking out to sea, waiting for her husband.

With reference to the report on the monkey trees and their origin, Chairman George Fulton will contact Art Speke, husband of Rosie Erickson, to see what he can do to help us.

Board of County Commissioners' Chairman, Bob Westerberg, had recently visited with Lawanda Dark, widow of our former Chairman, Russell Dark. They discussed the materials which Russell had in hand with reference to the records of Clatsop County's history. Mr. Dark was so interested in the history of Clatsop County that he seized every opportunity to obtain information relative to the people and the land around us. Mrs. Dark had been asked by the County Commission members if we might look through Mr. Dark's pictures to see if we could ascertain just which pictures he had planned to put up in the Court House. The Board of County Commissioners would like to place two or possibly three pictures in the Board Room, marked as a memorial to Russell Dark, who was our County Historian. Since the Committee had been aware of Mr. Dark's intentions, Commissioner Westerberg felt the Committee should assist in the

selection of such pictures.

The pictures were presented to the Committee at this meeting, the members scrutinized and criticized them, and then voted on the top five selections, which suggestions will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in the form of a recommendation, leaving the final decision to the Board of County Commissioners. The pictures, presented to the Committee for consideration, were the following:

1. Laying of the cornerstone of the Court House.
2. County Clerk Hustler.
3. Clatsop Mill.
4. Water front picture showing Astoria as it was (Astor House).
5. Rescue 2 - Fire Station.
6. Astoria, following the 1883 fire.
7. Angora Club hiking.
8. Old Post Office Building - inside.
9. Scow Bay.
10. Butterfly sail boats.
11. Court House and Post Office, showing one of the old street cars.

The Committee considered the above for a considerable length of time, and then recommended the following:

MOTION NO. 2:

It was moved by Carl Labiske and seconded by Mary Mason that the following list of pictures be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration, in the order they are listed:

1. Clatsop Mill, because it not only shows the mill, but includes in the scene a horse drawn streetcar and out in the river, a ship. Very good.
2. Scow Bay, which shows the docks and the homes up on the hill.
3. Looking East, in Astoria, showing the Court House and Post Office, with one of the old street cars.
4. Water front pictures, showing Astoria as it was (Astor House)
5. Rescue 2 - Fire Station.

The above five pictures seem representative of the area, and scenes show up better than people. The Chairman called for the question and the motion passed unanimously.



The Committee would also like to have the Board of County Commissioners consider that a picture or two from other areas of the county might be acceptable, especially such pictures as the Tillamook Burn, which brought about quite a change in Clatsop County for a great number of years.

The matter of marking the old T. J. Potter came up for discussion and was tabled for further study. Some of the committee members felt it would not be of sufficient interest to the public to mark it; however, Sam Foster felt it is a priceless object and he feels it definitely should be marked and a sign placed in the area. After discussing the matter further, it was felt that the members should all see the remains of the T. J. Potter and return to a future meeting with decisions.

Sam Foster said Aurora Jones is the current president of the Seaside Museum Society and Al Butcher will be the new president. It was his suggestion that we ask them for the legend on the Ben Holladay House.

The largest maple tree in the world is in greater downtown Jewell and Mr. Foster said it should be marked. The legend needs to be obtained. Clippings and names are to be presented by Sam Foster.

Other places which should be marked and came up for discussion were:

The Indian Place in Seaside.

4 Corners Area - 4 Counties. The Committee approves and suggests this be followed through.

Wireless Hill was brought up. This is located in Astoria and approximately at the home site of Dr. Browning, just West of the Water Tower. Marconi Wireless Station was there at one time. Carl Labiske will talk with Earl Johnson, ham radio operator, about this matter.

The old County Jail was mentioned again. It was recommended by Sam Foster that we mark the building - get the legend - ask John Dooley to make the sign. The legend should be marked County Jail and should contain the year of construction as an historical artifact.

MOTION NO. 3:

It was moved by Sam Foster and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the following be marked:

- Largest maple tree in world at Jewell
- The Indian Place in Seaside
- 4 Corners Area - where 4 counties come together
- Wireless Hill in Astoria, and
- The Old County Jail.

Chairman Fulton called for the question and motion carried.

Sam Foster has a very good collection of slides on historic areas in Clatsop County and Chairman George Fulton asked Mr. Foster to bring these to the June meeting. Discussion to follow the showing of said slides on June 15. Also, the members may bring guests to this meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the historical map for Clatsop County, which had been put together by the Committee, under the direction of Russell

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Dark. It was suggested that Helen Griffith try to obtain from Lawanda Dark, the original map and mylar to have them updated and more copies made.

It was learned, after conversation with Walter Lindstrom, who did the work on the maps, that they are in the files of the Clatsop County Planning Department.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - June 15, 1981

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, George Fulton, at 7:40 P. M.

In attendance were members: George Fulton                      Roger Tetlow  
Trygve Duoos                      Sam Foster  
Helen Griffith

Also in attendance, as guests, were: Mrs. George Fulton  
Mrs. Rene Schwehr and  
Mrs. Dorothy Brownrigg from Cannon Beach  
Chamber of Commerce, and  
Mr. Jay Schwehr.

Chairman George Fulton welcomed the members and our guests and explained the purpose and activities of the Advisory Committee for the guests.

Chairman Fulton mentioned the death of one of our members, and a moment of silence was held in memory of Dorothy Wootton. Miss Wootton had been a long time member and a very faithful one, with much to offer the Committee and Clatsop County. Her presence will be missed.

At this time, the Chairman announced this to be the last meeting for the year. We will meet again on October 19, 1981 in the Board Room of the Court House, unless an emergency situation arises, in which case the members will be called to convene.

Chairman George Fulton reported on the information given by Art Speke on the monkey trees. Mr. Speke said the name of the tree is Monkey Puzzle Tree and these trees are imported from Chile in South America. Erickson Floral sold these trees at one time, years ago. This information was borne out by the comment previously made by Emily (Wesche) Grimberg (Mrs. Albert Grimberg), that the tree in their front yard, at 8th and Grand Avenue, was purchased from Erickson Floral by her father, Mr. Wesche, when Emily was a small child. At that time the tree was the same size as the girl.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Sam Foster, who presented slides of the many historical areas in Clatsop County, showing the hundreds of spots of interest to tourists as well as county residents. A short discussion followed the showing of the slides and Mrs. Fulton was heard to say that this presentation should be available for showing to the public since it was so comprehensive and interesting.

Chairman Fulton thanked Sam Foster for the fine presentation and was only sorry there was such a poor showing of members and friends, since some of members were ill and others out of the county.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary





# CLATSOP COUNTY

Courthouse . . . . Astoria, Oregon 97103

October 15, 1981

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Members:

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday evening, at 7:30 P. M., October 19, 1981, in the Board Room, of the Court House in Astoria.

This first meeting is most important for each and everyone of us.

First, we want each one to share any historical finds or matters which might have come to you over the summer months.

During the process of putting in the elevator at the Court House, many records had to be gone over and decisions made as to disposal. The Archives Committee for the State of Oregon has gone over all the materials and then the Commissioners asked that I go over what remained to see if there was anything our Committee might find interesting and important to the history of Clatsop County. Several matters proved interesting and you will find them at the meeting on Monday night.

Also, more information has come to light on the marker at the 4 Corners, and although Commissioner Bob Westerberg cannot be in attendance that evening he has left some information for your consideration Monday night. He has also left a report on the Board's action with reference to the selection of the pictures to be framed and hung in the Board Room in Russell Dark's memory.

Your Chairman, George Fulton, is hoping for a very good attendance Monday evening and real sharing of your thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary